



ST JAMES' PARISH

St James Muswellbrook
St Thomas Aberdeen



Additional owners who cared for this land for thousands of years and their
maintained these spiritual connections and traditions

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The Most Holy Trinity – YEAR A

31st May 2026

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 *Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord

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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!



Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 1 st June	Tuesday 2 nd June	Wednesday 3 rd June	Thursday 4 th June	Friday 5 th June	Saturday 6 th June	Sunday 7 th June
<i>St Justin, martyr</i>		<i>Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs</i>		<i>St Boniface, bishop, martyr</i>		<i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>
		9.00am Mass St James Church	11.30 am Mass Adoration & Benediction St James Church	9.00 am Mass St James Church	9.00 am No Mass St James Church 5.30 pm Vigil Mass St James Church	10.00 am Mass St James Church
	5.00 pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00 am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 7th June 2026

1 st Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	R Ross	C Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			Ryan	C. Hayes
8.00 am Sunday Aberdeen	K Roach D Rensburg		C Bowen				
10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook	J Grenfell		K Mason		J & S Thatcher	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: Beate Shanahan, James McGrath, Mick Chisolm, Charles Sadgrove, Rollen Borres, Linda Bates, Josefina Flores, Jenelyn Regala, Florentino Mateo, Rodelio Borres, Eunice Benn, Vhiel Bobadillah, Anne Hugo, Rochelle Ashman and Kym Mason.

Anniversary: Millie Hobbs and Pam Keegan

Recently Deceased: Sr Therese Connolly vsj and Mila Stowe

Baptisms:

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

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"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."

Come and See



A Discernment Weekend with the Sisters of the Immaculata

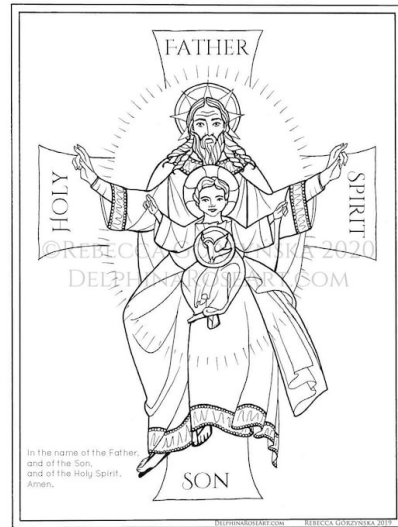
FRIDAY JUNE 5 - SUNDAY JUNE 7 2026
ARMIDALE, NSW

Scan QR code for more info and to register



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Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—You are the One God in Three Persons. I give to You my life, all that I am, and all that I will be. Do with me what You will so that You will be glorified in my life. Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.



FIRST COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY AT 10AM MASS

We invite everyone to the Convent for a Cuppa and some Celebration Cake.

Please bring a plate to share if you are coming to the Cuppa.

The plate can be put in the Chapel Hall on the tables before Mass.

Please celebrate with our young children.



Liturgy Committee Meeting

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – 10 am

Held in the Convent

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Eternal God,

through the life of your son, you invited all people to "come and see"

and to make a home with you.

Through the gift of baptism, you have opened our ears that, through word and sacrament, we may hear your call on our lives.

We pray that young people may answer this call to ordained priesthood and shepherd your people, to the permanent diaconate and proclaim your Gospel, to religious life and witness poverty, chastity, and obedience, to marriage and embody Christ's love for the Church, to single life and serve you more completely.

Inspire our lives so that we may have the courage to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening".

We make this prayer through your son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2026 Magdalene AWARDS



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
Nominations close Monday 8 June 2026
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Gospel

John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be
lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



HOMILY by Richard Leonard

Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do

we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'

No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.

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