



ST JAMES' PARISH

St James Muswellbrook
St Thomas Aberdeen



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

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A

28th June 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the
heavens. **(R.)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.
(R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.
(R.)

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 29 th June	Tuesday 30 th June	Wednesday 1 st July	Thursday 2 nd July	Friday 3 rd July	Saturday 4 th July	Sunday 5 th July
<i>Sts Peter and Paul, apostles</i>				<i>St Thomas, apostles</i>		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9.00am Mass St James Church	11.30 am Mass St James Church	9.00 am No 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
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen			12.00 pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen		8.00 am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 5th July 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	D Rensburg K Roach	K Roach	C Bowen			Wes	
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, Mick Chisolm, Charles Sadgrove, Rollen Borres, Linda Bates, Jenelyn Regala, Florentino Mateo, Rodelio Borres, Eunice Benn, Vhiel Bobadillah, Anne Hugo, Rochelle Ashman, Kym Mason and Phillip Smith.

Anniversary:

Recently Deceased: Pam Daniel and Jeanette Beer

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."

PRAYER for PEACE in the MIDDLE EAST
(and other wars).

Lord, Jesus Christ, the Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home. Receive the deceased into your presence; and comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair. You are our peace and the light of the nations; put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East. Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your love. Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen.

Save the Date

Friday 9 October, 2026 from 6.30pm
Murrurundi: Astronomy Night Under the Stars with St. Francis returns. Murrurundi Golf Club. Churches Together Community Event. Family School Holidays. After a wonderful night last time, exceeding our expectations, Murrurundi Catholic Parish is hosting with Murrurundi Anglican Parish this second night. Bring your picnic food, blanket, chairs and family. This time we hope to focus on **Saturn rising, the Milky Way and galaxies far, far away.** Multiple telescopes and computer enhanced viewing for ease of access. Astronomers from the Tamworth Observatory in attendance. Aboriginal Spirituality of the Night Sky continues too. Further details, offers of assistance please contact Gerard Howard (Murrurundi) glhoward@bigpond.com



Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!


The Time for Rebirth is Now! created by Youth Delegates at the 2000 National Assembly - Addressed to from St Peter John Paul II's address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs (1986).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

5th July 2026

We gather as one in Christ – celebrating the deep faith, culture, and gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

Find resources for your Parish at www.natsice.org.au.



Synod on Synodality: 12 August 6pm-8pm at Muswellbrook Parish Information/formation sessions on The Final Document, Synod on Synodality and what that means for us, at Parish, Diocesan, National and International levels. Participants will also have the opportunity to express their interest in joining Synodal Teams. These teams will form a network that play an important role in supporting the Diocese as we continue to listen, discern and respond to the call to become a more missionary and synodal Church. Mission and Evangelisation team will be at the meeting. Please make use of this opportunity.




TODAY I PRAY FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, AND PEACE FOR ALL WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, AND MENTAL BURDENS. MAY GOD BRING COMFORT, RESTORATION, AND HOPE TO EVERY HEART IN NEED. AMEN.

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10 & 11 JULY 2026

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FRI: 6:15PM - 9PM
SAT: 10AM - 4PM




10 JULY TALK 1: Our Newest Saints! Part 1 – St. Pier Giorgio Frassati
It may seem unusual to think of a saint as practical joker, who loved skiing, mountain climbing, the theatre, music and the arts. But this is the story of the young Italian, Pier Giorgio, whose body was found to be incorrupt after 56 years in the grave!

11 JULY TALK 2: Our Newest Saints! Part 2 – St. Carlo Acutis
We usually don't connect saints with computer programmers – but Carlo Acutis is known as "God's Influencer". This English-born Italian achieved a lot in his short life. His love for the Holy Eucharist inspired him to create a website dedicated to Eucharistic miracles, making him the first millennial saint.

11 JULY TALK 3: Why Mary Matters
Some mistaking think Catholics worship Mary, but Mary is our spiritual Mother given to us by Jesus at the Cross. This talk explains why the Catholic Church holds such a special love for Mary, by examining Scripture, Sacred Tradition and Marian apparitions.

11 JULY TESTIMONY by Juliana: "I walked out of my wheelchair in Lourdes."
Juliana had been confined to a wheelchair for eight and a half years. She lived in constant pain. After seeing over fifty specialist doctors, they told her that she needed to prepare herself that her leg would be amputated. Her amazing story is one of spiritual conversion and physical healing.

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Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Congratulations!!!!

To Chris Hayes and Mr Aaron Moon for receiving Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry 2026 Business Award Winners. Chris was awarded for Upper Hunter Riding for Disabled and Aaron Moon for the Excellence in Education and Training at St James Primary school.

