



# 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 Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – YEAR A**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 80:17*

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

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12*

**(R.)** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

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

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## 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!

## Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
			<i>St Barnabas, apostle</i>	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
		9.00am <b>Mass</b> St James Church	11.30 am <b>Mass Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> St James Church	9.00 am <b>Mass</b> St James Church	9.00 am <b>No Mass</b> St James Church  5.30 pm <b>Vigil Mass</b> St James Church	10.00 am <b>Mass</b> St James Church
	2.00 pm <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00 am <b>Mass</b> St Thomas Aberdeen

### Minister Roster Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
<b>5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook</b>	S.E, Bernard	C Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			Ryan	C. Hayes
<b>8.00 am Sunday Aberdeen</b>	T O'Driscoll J Dallah	J Dallah	C Bowen				
<b>10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook</b>	G Griffin M Shanahan	M Kelly	C Kelly		Mr & Mrs Payton	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: Victor William Oakes**

**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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**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 Promotor of Safeguarding: Jane Jacobs (Contact via 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."

**FIRST COMMUNION TODAY AT 10AM  
MASS**

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

Please celebrate with our young children.

Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to the children participating today.



## Healing Mass Service

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - 11.30 am

You are invited to a  
**Fishing Weekend**  
*God for Blokes*



**10-12 July 2026**

Beach fishing Forster



for more information  
and registration: [trybooking.com/DLPKG](https://trybooking.com/DLPKG)

## 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.

### Newcastle Maritime Art Exhibition The Mission to Seafarers



Opening  
Night: 6pm  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup>  
July

**Theme: United by the Seas. Together as One**

**Best in Show:** \$ 6000 Aquisitive Prize  
**CAT 1:** \$2500 Newcastle MTS Open Award  
**CAT 2:** \$600 High School Student Artist Award  
**CAT 3:** \$600 Primary School Students Class/ School Artists Award  
**CAT 4:** \$100 Primary School Student Artist Award  
(Three \$100 vouchers will be awarded to three students)

Scan the QR code for more  
information and conditions of  
entry  
[www.mtsnewcastle.org.au](http://www.mtsnewcastle.org.au)



Exhibition Public Viewing:  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026 -  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026  
Between 10am - 4 pm each  
day

The Exhibition will be held at  
96 Hannell St, Wickham,  
2253

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JUSTICE • KINDNESS • HUMILITY



## 2026 Magdalene AWARDS



NOMINATIONS  
NOW OPEN

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Nominations close Monday 8 June 2026

Scan QR code for more info



# Gospel

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

John 6:57

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



## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Maternal Jesus

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a

wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received *and* a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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## REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Leo wants us to remember the connection between Communion, unity and change. 'Christians are truly born from above, regenerated by God as brothers and sisters of Jesus,' he says, 'and the Church that nourishes them with the sacraments is the welcoming bosom for all peoples.'

Being called to unity is something we cannot do alone. This is why the Pope encourages us to reflect on 'the lifestyle that characterises humanity when it has been renewed by the Holy Spirit.' We are called to be people who love each other, even those who may despise us or rattle our complacency.

The Pope encourages us to reflect on what such 'spiritual unity' looks like in practice. Surely it flows from 'harmony of faith, affections, ideas and life decisions centred on the love of God who became man to save all the peoples of the earth?' Ours is therefore a unity which 'embraces peoples of every language and culture.'

The Pope also reminds us that 'in the face of poverty and oppression, the guiding principle above all for Christians is charity: let us do to those around us, as we would have them do to us.' In doing so, we become authentic witnesses of our Communion with Christ.

[Quotes from Homily at the Basilica of St Augustine (Annaba), 14 April 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260414-algeria-messa-annaba.html>]

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