



# ST JAMES' PARISH

St James Muswellbrook  
St Thomas Aberdeen



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

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

## Entrance Antiphon

*Psalm 118:137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8*

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'  
**(R.)**

## Second Reading

*Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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## Gospel Acclamation

*2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

## Weekly Mass Diary

| Monday<br>7 <sup>th</sup> September | Tuesday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Wednesday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> September         | Thursday<br>10 <sup>th</sup><br>September     | Friday<br>11 <sup>th</sup><br>September      | Saturday<br>12 <sup>th</sup><br>September                                                              | Sunday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> September               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                     | <i>The Nativity of<br/>the Blessed Virgin<br/>Mary</i> |                                                |                                               |                                              |                                                                                                        | <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br/>Ordinary Time</b> |
|                                     |                                                        | 9.00am<br><b>No Mass</b><br>St James<br>Church | 11.30 am<br><b>Mass</b><br>St James<br>Church | 9.00 am<br><b>Mass</b><br>St James<br>Church | 9.00 am<br><b>Mass</b><br>St James<br>Church<br><br>5.30 pm<br><b>Vigil Mass</b><br>St James<br>Church | 10.00 am<br><b>Mass</b><br>St James<br>Church      |
|                                     | 5.00pm<br><b>Mass</b><br>St Thomas<br>Aberdeen         | 4.00pm<br><b>Mass</b><br>St Thomas<br>Aberdeen |                                               |                                              |                                                                                                        | 8.00 am<br><b>Mass</b><br>St Thomas<br>Aberdeen    |

### Minister Roster Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of<br>Month | Readers                  | Cantors  | Musician    | Gifts | Counters | Altar<br>Server | Sacristan   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------------|
| 5.30pm<br>Saturday<br>Muswellbrook | S,E, Bernard             | C Hayes  | Sr. Dorothy |       |          | Ryan            | C. Hayes    |
| 8.00 am<br>Sunday<br>Aberdeen      | J Dallah<br>T o'Driscoll | J Dallah | C Bowen     |       |          | Wes             |             |
| 10.00am<br>Sunday<br>Muswellbrook  | G Griffin<br>M Shanahan  | M Kelly  | C Kelly     |       | Paytons  | Stella<br>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, Linda Bates, Jenelyn Regala, Florentino Mateo, Eunice Benn, Vhiel Bobadillah, Anne Hugo, Rochelle Ashman, Kym Mason, Rodelio Borress, and Sr Gaye Lennon.

**Anniversary: Jan Toohey**

**Recently Deceased: Elma Dolahenty**

**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*

**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.

**Muswellbrook Parish Direct Giving Banking Details:** BSB: 066739 Account Number: 100 003 823.

Account Name: Diocese of Maitland Newcastle Catholic Development Fund. Agent Number 73

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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."**



## Healing Mass

17<sup>th</sup> September, 11.30 am

St James Parish Church

Brook Street Muswellbrook.

“All are Welcome”

A light lunch will be served in the Foyer of the Church following the Mass.

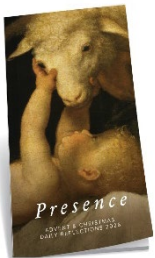
## Claim the Date - Parish Rosary Picnic

Will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026

More information to come, closer to the time

## Books for Next Year

I will be placing an order shortly for the Columban Calenders, Daily Mass Books and Ordos. A Piece of paper will be placed in both churches so people can put their names to indicate what you would like to order.



Diocese of Wollongong has also produced a book called **PRESENCE Advent & Christmas Reflections 2026**. If you would like to order one of these, please put your name on the list.

## Litany of Saint Joseph

Noble son of the House of David,  
Light of patriarchs,  
Husband of the Mother of God,  
Guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster father of the Son of God,  
Faithful guardian of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph, chaste and just,  
Joseph, prudent and brave,  
Joseph, obedient and loyal,  
Pattern of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model of workers,  
Example to parents,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of family life,  
Comfort of the troubled,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of evil spirits,  
Protector of the Church.



**PRAY FOR US.**

## PRAYER TO ALL FATHERS THIS FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of fatherhood. Today, we lift up all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures. Grant them wisdom to guide, patience to endure, and strength to lead their families with unconditional love. Bless their sacrifices, comfort those who are weary, and let their legacy reflect Your grace.

St. Joseph, patron saint of all fathers, pray for us! Amen.

**Vocations Ministry: Turning Dreams into Action** A meeting to organise a club to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the consecrated (religious) life in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Would you like to play a part in actively encouraging and supporting vocations? If so, I invite you to a meeting to consider establishing a Serra Club in our diocese. This local club would be a member of Serra International, a world-wide organisation, affirmed by the Holy See, which is committed to vocations ministry. This initiative has the support of our Bishop, Michael Kennedy. To learn more, please take a flyer at the church entrance. **The meeting will be on Thursday, 24 September, at 7pm, in the Function Room of St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown.**

To RSVP and for further information, please contact the Director of Vocations: Fr Anthony Potts  
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**Gospel** Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

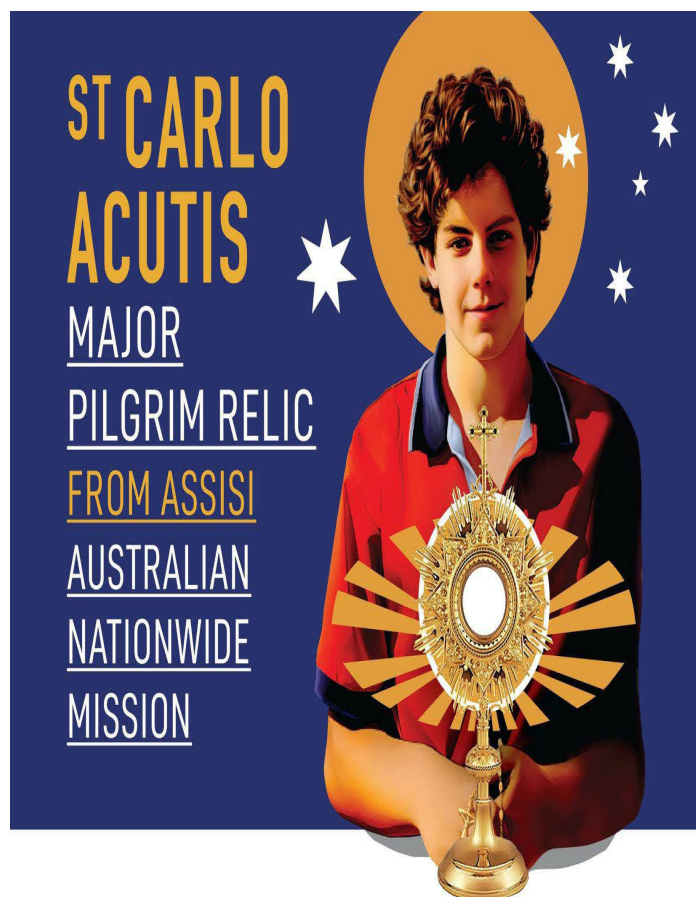
**Happy Father's Day**

Today we give thanks to God for the gift of fathers, grandfathers, and all who have been a source of fatherly love, guidance, and support in our lives. Their dedication, sacrifice, and care help to strengthen families and build communities founded on love and faith.

As we celebrate Father's Day, we acknowledge with gratitude the many ways fathers enrich our lives through their generosity, encouragement, and example. We pray that God will bless them with good health, wisdom, strength, and peace.

We also remember with love and gratitude those fathers who have died and those who are unable to be with their families today. May their legacy of love continue to inspire us.

**May God bless all fathers and father figures on this special day. Fr Sabu**



**Wednesday 9 September 2026**

**St Joseph's Catholic College Aberdeen – Moylan Hall**

10 am – 2 pm Exhibition and Talks for school groups

2 pm – 6 pm Exhibition and Talk for Parish and Community

**St Thomas Church Aberdeen**

3 – 4 pm Adoration and Confession

4 - 6 pm Mass, Talk and Veneration

ADORATION • VENERATION • TALKS • MASS • CONFESSION

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**"TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO LOVE THROUGH THE EUCHARIST"**



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**Weekly Giving Envelopes**

There are still some weekly giving envelopes available, if you would like to start them, please contact in the office via email or phone and I will get a box to you.

**Diocesan Events Page on the Website**

There are many wonderful, inspiring and engaging things happening across our Parishes and in the Diocese. To find out more use the link below:

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/cdmn-news/events/>