



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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A

13th September 2026

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

Celebrated in the Church of Maitland-Newcastle
on **National Safeguarding Sunday**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-4

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."''

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy,

son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!" I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophesy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks."''

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see

Ps 41:3

R. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God. *(R.)*
2. My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God? *(R.)*

Monday 14 th September	Tuesday 15 th September	Wednesday 16 th September	Thursday 17 th September	Friday 18 th September	Saturday 19 th September	Sunday 20 th September
<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<i>Sts Cornelious, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr</i>				25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9.00am Mass St James Church	11.30 am Mass 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
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen					8.00 am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 13th September 2026

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

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. 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.

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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 Have a complaint or wish to provide feedback? Visit: 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

17th 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.

MOVIE NIGHT



CARLO ACUTIS – ROADMAP TO REALITY

7pm, Friday 18th September at the home of Mike & Colleen Kelly

88 Ironbark Road Muswellbrook

The movie is 82 minutes long.

We will have a light supper intermission on the evening.

Please bring a plate if you are coming.

Call Colleen for further info 0402 242 273

Keegan / Wood Family Group

21st September 2026: Lunch 12 noon at
Hunter Belle Restaurant,
75 Aberdeen St, Ph 6541 5066.



Please give names to Margaret
(6543 1238)

by Friday 18 September.

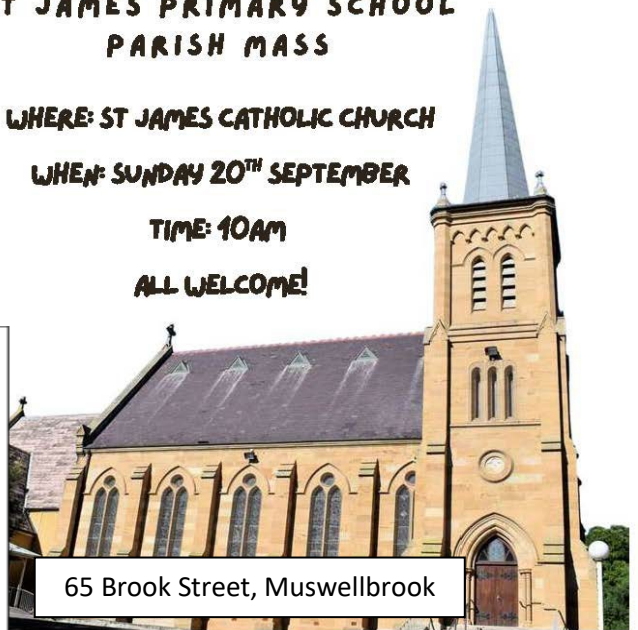
ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL PARISH MASS

WHERE: ST JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

WHEN: SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 10AM

ALL WELCOME!



65 Brook Street, Muswellbrook

Claim the Date –

Parish Rosary Picnic

Will be held on
11th October 2026
More information
to come, closer to
the time

St. James Primary School Mass – next Sunday 10am.

Looking forward to having the
Children from St James take roles
in the Mass next Sunday.

Everyone is invited to a Cuppa
after the Mass!

It would be appreciated if you are coming would
you please bring a plate to share. The convent will
be open before Mass to put the plates in the
Chapel Hall. Look forward to seeing you there.



**A BIG thank you to all who worked tirelessly
to make the visit of St Carlos Acutis Relic
a great day!**

St Carlos Acutis Relic was at

St Joseph's Catholic College and St Thomas
Catholic Church, Aberdeen on the 9th September AD2026.
There was a Eucharistic Exhibition in the School Hall, and in
St Thomas Church, there was a Concelebrated Mass,
Relic Veneration, and Talk.



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
M: 0466 140 066 E: tony.potts@mn.catholic.org.au

Responsorial Psalm *continued*

3. O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain
to the place where you dwell. *(R.)*
4. And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Phil 2:15-26*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine in the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the world of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 1:46-56*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary said:

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call
me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those
who fear him.
‘He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and
exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich
sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant,
mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our
ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for
ever.’

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then
went back home.

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.

More Photos from St Carlos Acutis Relic Visit

