



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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All Saints – YEAR A

1st November 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the
Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading *Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of
people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises,
carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a
powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to
devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any
damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we
have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of
our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a
hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes
of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count,
of people from every nation, race, tribe and language;
they were standing in front of the throne and in front
of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding
palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to
our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels who were standing in a circle round
the throne, surrounding the elders and the four
animals, prostrated themselves before the throne,
and touched the ground with their foreheads,
worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour
and power and strength to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you
know who these people are, dressed in white robes,
and where they have come from?' I answered him,
'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are

the people who have been through the great
persecution, and they have washed their robes white
again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6*

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your
face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope

Weekly Mass Diary

Monday 2 nd November	Tuesday 3 rd November	Wednesday 4 th November	Thursday 5 th November	Friday 6 th November	Saturday 7 th November	Sunday 8 th November
<i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)</i>		<i>St Charles Borromeo, bishop</i>				32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am Mass St James Church		9.00 am Mass St James Church	11.30 am Mass and Adoration St James Church	9.00 am 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, followed by blessing of graves in Aberdeen Cemetery.						8.00 am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 1st November 2026

1 st Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook		C Hayes	Sr. Dorothy			Ryan	C. Hayes
8.00 am Sunday Aberdeen	C Wykes M Edwards	M Edwards	C Bowen			Wes	
10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook	J Grenfell		K Mason		K & B Mason	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: Phyllis Chard and Jack Smith.

Recently Deceased: Ron Delforce.

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."



All Souls

This Sunday is All Saints and Monday is All Souls Day, we will be remembering those family, friends and others who have gone before us. You are invited to come up and write the name(s) of the people on a piece of paper and attach to the cross.



A Prayer for Those Sitting Their HSC

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Loving God, thank you for everyone who has prepared me for my exams, and for the opportunity to bring all that I have learned and experience to this time.

As I begin my HSC examinations, Grant me a clear mind and a calm heart.

Calm my nervousness, Providing clarity in my thinking, and strengthen my confidence

In the abilities and gifts you have given me. May I be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge and fortitude.

May your peace remain with me and guide me through every examination.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Mass for the Holy Souls Envelopes for November
Masses are available in the Foyer of the Church

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

Time To Place Orders

I am about to place orders for:

- Columban Calendars
- Ordo
- Daily Mass Book
- Presence – Advent Reflection Book

If anyone would like a book and/or a calendar, please fill in the order in the church.

Distribution of Communion to the Sick

If you would like to help distribute Communion to the Sick, please speak with Fr Sabu to find out more about what is involved.

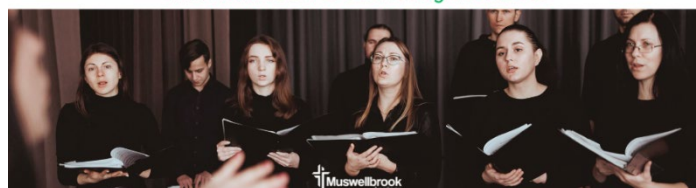
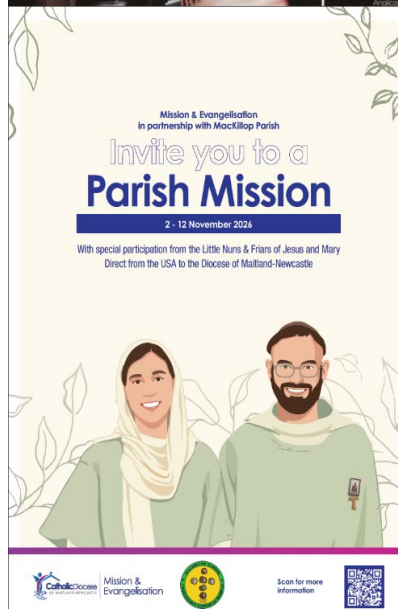
Hymnfest 2026

2.00pm, Sunday 8 November
St Alban's Anglican Church, Muswellbrook

**Contemporary and Traditional Hymns
& Musical Items**

Afternoon Tea

*Entry by donation to support SRE in
Muswellbrook & Scone High Schools*



Parish Office

Just a reminder that the Parish Office has relocated down to the Convent. The office hours are the same, Mondays, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Parish Office
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must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is
right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of
right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against
you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon *Matthew 5:8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All Souls Day Message to the Parishioners of Muswellbrook

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate **All Souls Day**, we turn our hearts and prayers to all our dearly departed loved ones. It is a sacred day when the Church invites us to remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and to entrust them to the infinite mercy and love of God.

Each of us carries memories of parents, grandparents, spouses, family members, friends, and parishioners who have touched our lives and helped shape our journey of faith. Though death brings sorrow and separation, our Christian faith reminds us that death is not the end. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have the hope of eternal life.

On this All Souls Day, let us remember with gratitude those who have loved us, sacrificed for us, and witnessed to the faith. Let us pray especially for those souls who have no one to pray for them. Our prayers, Masses, and acts of charity are beautiful expressions of our communion with them in Christ.

As a parish family, may we find comfort in the words of Jesus: *“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live”* (John 11:25). Let these words strengthen us in times of grief and fill us with hope as we await the day when we shall all be reunited in God's heavenly kingdom.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in
peace. Amen.**

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Sabu Pulimalayil

