

ST JAMES' PARISH

St James Muswellbrook
St Thomas Aberdeen



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A, Weekdays Year 2, Psalter Week 4 **8th November 2026**

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

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Weekly Mass Diary						
Monday 9th November	**Tuesday 10th November**	**Wednesday 11th November**	**Thursday 12th November**	**Friday 13th November**	**Saturday 14th November**	**Sunday 15th November**
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	***St Leo the Great, pope, doctor***	***St Martin of Tours, bishop***	***St Josaphat, bishop, martyr***			***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
	3.00 pm **Mass** Calvary				5.30 pm **Vigil Mass** St James Church	10.00 am **Mass** St James Church
	5.00 pm **Mass** **St Thomas** Aberdeen					8.00 am **Mass** St Thomas Aberdeen

Minister Roster Sunday 15th November 2026

3rd Sunday of Month	Readers	Cantors	Musician	Gifts	Counters	Altar Server	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	A Moon J Jacobs	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	C Lumaban	M Kelly	C Kelly		T & J Bristow	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 and Doreen Parkinson.

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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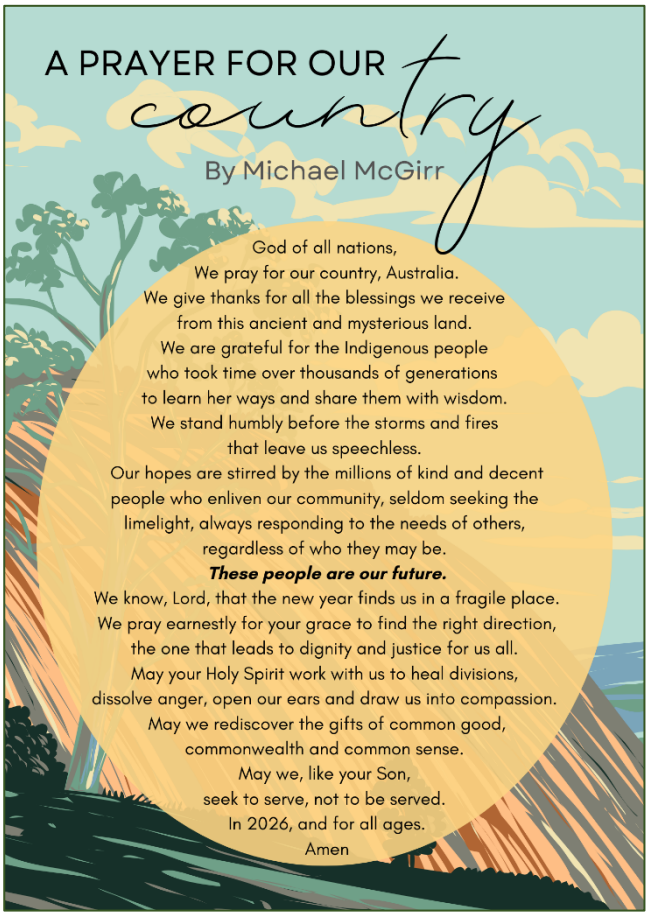
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"Our mission is to spread the Kingdom by being an alive and informed Community, united as one family in care and consideration for each other in the love of God."



Fr Varghese Panickassery rcj Hearty Welcome. The major superior of the Rogationist Fathers in India who visits his community members in Australia.

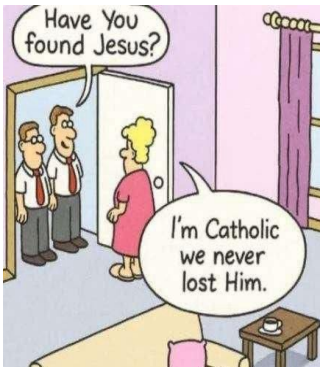


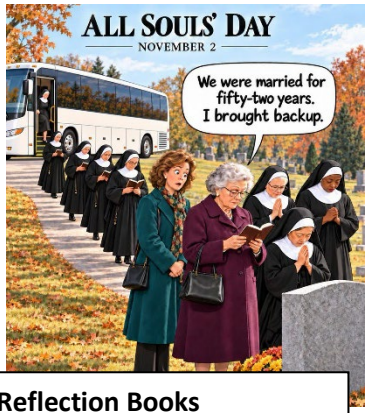
Fr Sabu Pulimalayil will be on leave for part of November 2026. Fr Dennis Rochford will be with us and saying Mass from 14th November until 22nd November 2026.

Exhibition Celebrating the Life and Work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods

October Until 20 December, Diocesan Resource Centre Monday and Friday 10am-5pm, 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month 10am-2pm.

Inspired by Sr Jan Tranter's recently published book, the exhibition offers a unique insight into Fr Wood's life through geological specimens, photographs, books, a looping presentation and other historical materials. Learn More: [Exhibition celebrating the life and work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle]







November is a special time to pray for the dead, 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.

Calendars and Reflection Books

Books have arrived. Anyone who would like a
Columban Art Calendar ($10)
Advent Reflection Book ($6)
Please contact Natasha in the Parish Office (phone, email or come in and see me)

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.

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 Phone Number is 02 6543 3532.

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.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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40th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Historic Alice Springs Address

Sunday 29 November, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

As we light the Candle of Hope on the First Sunday of Advent, join us as we commemorate a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia: Saint John Paul II's historic Alice Springs address of 29 November 1986. This Mass will include | Smoking Ceremony |Traditional Welcome by an Elder | Cultural Dance and Song | Yidaki (Didgeridoo) Players| Prayer and reflection inspired by Saint John Paull II's message | Morning Tea on the grass grounds.

To Learn More: 40th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Historic Alice Springs Address - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or email Mission@mn.catholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 16th December 2026

Parish Christmas Party
Aberdeen Sport & Rec Club
More details as they come to hand