

# ST JAMES' PARISH

## St James Muswellbrook
## St Thomas Aberdeen

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – YEAR A, Weekdays Year 2, Psalter Week 2** **22nd Nov2026**

## /Entrance Antiphon Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

## First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;**
**there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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## Weekly Mass Diary

| Monday 23rd November | Tuesday 24th November | Wednesday 25th November | Thursday 26th November | Friday 27th November | Saturday 28th November | Sunday 29th November |
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| | ***Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs*** | | | | | ***First Sunday Of Advent*** |
| | | | | | 5.30 pm **Vigil Mass** St James Church | 10.00 am **Mass** St James Church |
| | | | | | | 8.00 am **Mass** St Thomas Aberdeen |

## Minister Roster Sunday 29th November 2026

| 5th Sunday of Month | Readers | Cantors | Musician | Gifts | Counters | Altar Server | Sacristan |
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| **5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook** | Jasmine | C Hayes | Sr. Dorothy | | | Ryan | C. Hayes |
| **8.00 am Sunday Aberdeen** | M Brown<br>T Hobbs | T Hobbs | C Bowen | | | Wes | |
| **10.00am Sunday Muswellbrook** | M Shanahan | M Kelly | C Kelly | | J & S Thatcher | 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, Sr Gaye Lennon and Margaret Hamilton.

**Anniversary: Therese Furlong**

**Recently Deceased:**

**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."**

**Bishop Michael Kennedy: Major Diocesan Official Appointments announced 19/11/26**.

**Scone/Murrurundi: Unchanged**. Fr. Graham Fullick tenured to 9 January AD2029.
**Merriwa and Denman**. **Unchanged**. Fr. Derek Garner tenure continues.

**Parish Priests and Assistant Priests most commencing 1 January AD2027**.
Parish Priests are usually 6 year tenured terms. Assistants may be at will, e.g. 3 years.
**Hunter Deanery**.
**Muswellbrook**: Fr. Anil Kuchipudi PP
**Singleton/Branxton**: Fr. Peter Street PP (3 Nov AD2026); Fr. Peter Thoai AP.
**East Maitland/Maitland**: Fr. Sabu Pulimalayil PP; Fr. Stany Mathew AP.
**Morpeth-Beresfield**: Fr. Priyantha Fernando PP.
**Lochinvar/Rutherford**: Fr. James Odoh PP.

**Northern Deanery**.
**Taree-Wingham**: Fr. Joyce Sebastian Victor PP.
**Raymond Terrace**: Fr. Paul Kamau CSSp PP; Fr. Patrick Swaray CSSp AP.
**Nelson Bay**: Fr. Raphael Madukwe PP.
**Myall Coast**: Fr. Anthony Nguyen PP.

**Newcastle Deanery Areas**.
**Blackbutt South**: Fr. George Anthicad PP.
**Morisset/Toronto**: Fr. Anthony Coloma PP.
**Sugarloaf**: Fr Joseph Figurado PP; with Fr. Kevin Corrigan in Residence; Fr. Darryl Mackie Administrator to 17 August AD2027 when Fr. Figurado finishes his Long Service/Sabbatical.
**Wallsend-Shortland**: Fr. Paul Chackanikunnel PP (3 Nov AD2026).
**Inner Newcastle**: Fr. Anton Perera AP.

**On-Call Hospital Chaplaincy Visits** will be arranged through Inner Newcastle Parish.

Guided by the priorities emerging from parish assemblies and local pastoral planning, I have sought to appoint priests whose gifts, experience, and particular charisms are best suited to accompany each parish in the next stage of its mission. My hope is that these appointments will strengthen the capacity of our parish communities to continue growing in faith, renewal, and evangelisation.

I ask you to pray for both those priests concluding their service and those commencing new appointments, confident that the Holy Spirit continues to provide the shepherds needed for the life and mission of the Church.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your parish community during this important time of renewal in the life of your parish. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you as you build upon the good work already undertaken and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
**Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle**

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

**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.

**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.

## Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Homilette Mt 25 31 46 Judgement of the Nations Criteria of Heaven**

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Jesus the Christ, King of the Universe. Well after all as God, con-substantial, of the same pure spiritual essence as Father and Holy Spirit, one God and as Jesus said, He was there at the creation of the universe. And "Before ever Abraham *was*, I *am*"! This is a Kingship that never has a beginning and never has an end, even though the world He governs with us in it will end, at His Second Coming. In the meantime, He holds all things, all beings, us as humans in existence. How often we forget or don't even think that we are created by God and that is what gives us meaning and purpose and consolation and proper understanding of our place in the world. It is a much more RELAXING, PEACEFUL and PEACE-FILLING thing to have in our bones that we are subjects of Jesus. He taught us in the "Our Father": "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven".

Our religion is not a philosophy where we have to be in control of ourselves and people and circumstances around us. Look at all the new age self-help hyperbole of books in book shops today—and on-line gurus. Just pay over your money and soul… Was Jesus in control of His crucifixion and the braying mob? No. He said to His Father, "not My will but Your will" and was at peace, even in turmoil, saving the world from worldliness. Oh, the irony of truth. Truth is a Person: Jesus the God-Man. Let us let Jesus take control of our souls, for He is our origin and destiny. We are just acknowledging an eternal truth of who we are in the sight of God the universal king. When we know who we are and let the Lord live in us, we become more and truly fully alive and at peace in this world and especially in our families. We become families of higher purpose, higher meaning, of truth and heavenly meaning and knowledge, not wants and earthly control and manipulation. Ah, the blessed peace of the Kingdom of God on earth. Lord make Your will my will. Let God be God. We in ourselves—and our families—and the rest will follow.

Fr Graham Fullick

**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)

**SAVE THE DATE**

Wednesday 16th December 2026

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