



ST JAMES' PARISH

Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle

St. James Muswellbrook

St. Thomas Aberdeen



We acknowledge the traditional owners who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions

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The Most Holy TRINITY — YEAR A

7th June 2020

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Gospel Acclamation

Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

A Trinity Sunday message from Fr. Victor

Welcome back to the Church! I am eagerly waiting to see all of you.

"It's Good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High"(Ps 92:1) The Almighty God has done mighty deeds in our life to bring us back to His House to thank and praise Him and to take part in the Eucharistic meal. Let us thank and praise the Him.

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the great mystery of God Himself. God dwells in inaccessible light and nobody can penetrate that light and nobody can, for themselves, reason out or understand or come to know God in His very essence. That is what we are told: three persons, one God.

I remember a story. A young boy goes and climbs up a mountain in India and he meets a Guru (Hindu Spiritual Teacher). And he wakes the guru up because the guru is half asleep. And the guru says, "What can I do for you, young man?" The boy says, "I want you to explain God for me." The guru smiles and he says, "A God that can be explained is not a God that you should worship." And he smiled and went back to sleep.

A God that can be explained is not a God that you should worship, because if you can explain Him it means that you've reduced God, the Creator of the world, reduced Him to being another one of us. And so you can always tell, somebody who speaks as if they know everything that's in God's mind, you realise that they're just making it up to make themselves feel a little bit better.

So the truth is God dwells in inaccessible light. There is nothing we can do that can penetrate that except for one thing and that would be that He reveals Himself to us. He does it by sending His Son and now through the Holy Spirit and the Son and the Holy Spirit reveal to us that our God the Father cares for all that He has created. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son into this world that we might understand Him and know Him and love Him. And we will then know the great mystery of God, is not a mystery, if we understand, not an explanation of it, but if we understand it's a relationship. It's a relationship with a Father who loves us, created us, wants us always to be happy and wants, even more, to be loved in return. And this is the great loveliness of understanding, when we think of God not as something to be explained but as a relationship that we enter into.

We cannot talk about knowing without loving. To know is to love. To pretend that we love, even if we don't know or know, not with our head or explanations from a book, will not help us. But to know through relationships, participating with people, being with people, giving ourselves to people, receiving *their* love, receiving *their* care will help us understand the mystery of Trinity. If we're not on the level of reaching out with our whole heart as well as our mind, we will never understand who God really is; Because God is a lover. And that is why His Son and the Holy Spirit came down, because those who love want to share their other loves with us.

Therefore Trinity is an action. It is a life. And the life is based on the revelation of Jesus of the Father: "Love one another as I have loved you(Jn 13:34)." And then we will understand the mystery begins to unfold.

MINISTERS WEEKEND 7th June 2020

1st Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Vigil 5.30pm Muswellbrook	E. Molloy	C. Hayes	Sr. Dorothy	N/A	N/A	R. Panis	C. Hayes
Sunday 8.00am Aberdeen	J. Driscoll	J. Lonergan	C. Bowen	N/A	N/A		M. Hamilton
Sunday 10.00am Muswellbrook	M. Kempis N. Fernandes	M. Shanahan	M. Veitch	N/A	N/A		K. Goodwin

MINISTERS WEEKEND 14th June 2020

2nd Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
Vigil 5.30pm Muswellbrook	J. O'Brien J. Paul	F O'Brien	Sr. Dorothy	N/A	N/A	R. Panis	C. Hayes
Sunday 8.00am Aberdeen	Joy Dallah	Trish Hobbs	C. Bowen	N/A	N/A		M. Hamilton
Sunday 10.00am Muswellbrook	G. Griffin O. Paynter	M. Kelly	C. Kelly	N/A	N/A		K. Goodwin

WEEKLY NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING



All parishioners who require a planned giving tax receipt for the 2019/20 financial year must notify the Parish Office by phone or email before 30th June 2020.

Please remember to provide your name and envelope number.

Alternatively you may write "tax receipt required" on your planned giving envelope.

Tax receipt data will be processed on 30/06/20. No subsequent amendments are possible. Tax receipt requests received after 30th June 2020 will not qualify for a tax reduction.

PLEASE NOTE

Bulletins will not be available at Muswellbrook and Aberdeen Churches this weekend. This is to ensure the risk of infection is minimised. Parishioners who would like a copy of the bulletin printed can notify the Parish Office. The bulletin will continue to be sent to those on the email list

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes for the next financial year have arrived. Please collect from the Parish Office.

Thank you

Adele will be in the Parish Office this week from 9.30am - 1.30pm Tues, Wed & Fri

PARISH COUNCILS MEET AND GREET MEETING

Where: St. James Primary School Hall, Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook

When: 7pm, Wednesday 10th June

RSVP: Colleen Kelly
kellymbrook@westnet.com.au by 4.30pm, Tuesday 9th June

CASH COUNTERS

WEEKEND 7th June 2020

TEAM A: Mary Ellen & David Leedham

WEEKEND 14th June 2020

TEAM B: Jane & Stephen Thatcher

EASTER BLESSING OF PARISH HOMES

It has been a tradition in many parts of the world to take the Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil, to bless the homes by a priest. If anyone would like their home to be blessed please

contact the Parish Office or Fr. Victor to arrange a suitable time.

The blessing ceremony generally takes 10 minutes.



BULLETIN

Please contact the Parish Office on 6543 1167 (before Wednesday, 4.30pm) if you have any notices for the bulletin, or alternatively email: muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au

The Parish bulletin can be accessed online: www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/parishes/muswellbrook

Please email: muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au if you would like the bulletin emailed to you each week.

Weekly Mass & Liturgy Diary

Monday 8th June	Tuesday 9th June	Wednesday 10th June	Thursday 11th June <i>Feast of St. Barnabas</i>	Friday 12th June	Saturday 13th June <i>Feast of St. Anthony of Padua</i>	Sunday 14th June <i>The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST</i>
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	5pm Mass St. Thomas Aberdeen	7am Mass St. James Muswellbrook	12.05pm Mass St. James Muswellbrook	7am Mass St. James Muswellbrook	9am Mass St. James Muswellbrook 5.30pm Vigil Mass St James Muswellbrook	8am Mass St. Thomas Aberdeen 10am Mass St. James Muswellbrook 5pm Mass St. James Muswellbrook
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Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available at any time. Please call ahead to let Fr. Victor know when and where you would like to meet with him.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE RESUMPTION OF SUNDAY MASSES

As of next weekend, four Masses will be celebrated over the weekend as follows:

Saturday 5.30pm Vigil St. Thomas, Aberdeen

Sunday 8am St. Thomas Aberdeen

Sunday 10am St James Muswellbrook

Sunday 5.00pm St James Muswellbrook

A maximum of 50 people may be in the congregation for Mass at one time.

I request you to kindly register your name and specify the mass you are attending via phone or email to the Parish Office, or to me directly.

Thank you,
Fr. Victor

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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:

Iris Spittles, Kevin Shadforth, Maria Wilson, Joan Flanagan, Noleen Swift, Marie Clifford, Pauline Coleman, Debbie Peak, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper, Carlo Cerneaz, and Norma Rowan

Anniversary: Andrew Wood

Recently Deceased: Jeanette Bernadette Finneran, Pamela Anne Keegan, Doreen Rose Daniel and Kevin McMahan

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.

**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.**