



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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR B

17th January 2021

First Reading

1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law

in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied;



so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. VICTOR

Two weeks into the New Year, the Gospel this Sunday presents us with the event of John pointing out to two of his disciples the Lamb of God-Jesus Christ, as he walked by. Upon hearing that Jesus is the Lamb of God; the two disciples left John and followed Jesus.

As Jesus walked on, he discovered that some people were following him, he turned and asked them: What are you looking for? ([John 1](#), 37). This is a very important question because everyone who follows must follow for a reason. Jesus needed to know what they sought for from him. And they answered: where are you staying? ([John 1](#), 38).

The choice of the answer they gave was some worth like: we want to be with you, live with you, dwelling forever with you. They expressed these desires also by going down to where Jesus was staying and spending the rest of the day with him ([1](#), 39).

It is important that we know what we seek of the Lord. We are not meant to be mere followers, "follow", rather expects a quality followership; one that is both genuine and practical. clearly expressed in our quality devotion to him and love of our neighbour. It also spells out clearly that when we go to God in prayers, we should have an intension at heart, at the same time trusting that he's got the solution to it.

From the answer of "come and see" which Jesus gave to the two disciples and his delight to keep them a whole day with him, says something of the warmth and tender heartedness found in Our Lord. He does not despise those who come to him ([Matt 11](#), 28).

No one goes to him and regrets ever been with him ([Isaiah 91](#), 9).

In fact, those who go just to see end up spending a whole day and night savouring his sweetness and others long to make more tents so as to dwell with him forever ([Matt 17](#), 4).

As we advance in this new year 2021, the Lord wants us to know what we are looking for, for all good gifts come from the Lord ([James 1](#), 17) and our help can only come from the Lord who made heaven and earth ([Psalm 121](#), 1).

So let us not be afraid to ask, seek and knock at the door of the fountain of our lives- Jesus Christ. And when we have encountered him, let us not hesitate to point him out to others (become a disciple of our own nation) as John, Andrew and Eli all did in the readings of this Sunday. ([John 1](#), 35-42; [1 Samuel 3](#), 3-10, 19).

May the Lord give us the grace to do his will.

Have a Safe and Blessed week!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE 2021

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. **Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021**, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Bishop Bill writes:

The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course. I further hope that it will be just the beginning of their living more informed and engaged Christ lives. If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

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WEEKLY NOTICES

KEEPING OUR CHURCHES COVID SAFE

- Please ensure that you have registered your name on the sign in sheet OR scanned the QR code to check-in
- Please wear a mask when you attend Mass
- A copy of our COVID safety plan is displayed on the noticeboard in each Church for you to read if you wish to do so.
- Please do not attend Mass if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

Fever (37.5 degrees or higher)
Cough
Sore throat
Difficulty breathing
Loss of smell
Loss of taste



Thank you!

CASH COUNTERS THIS WEEKEND

17th January 2020

Therese Bristow and Esther Molloy



PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm

BULLETIN

Please contact the Parish Office on 6543 1167 by 4.30pm Wednesday if you have any notices for the bulletin, or alternatively email:

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Need Help?

- ✓ a friendly chat
- ✓ deliveries
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- ✓ prayer

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Is now a good time to chat?
I am home alone.

JANUARY 28, 2021 7PM - 8PM Better Together
Our 2030 plan.

ONE HEART. ONE VOICE. ONE PRAYER.

WORSHIP & PRAYER GATHERING

REGIONAL LIVESITES

NEWCASTLE (CBD)
CHARLESTOWN
PELICAN
TORONTO
ANNA BAY
MAITLAND
MUSWELLBROOK
MORE SITES COMING...



HOSTED BY: Hope City Church

WHERE: HCC 2-4 Common Road, Muswellbrook

WHEN: Thursday, 28th January 2021

TIME: 7pm – 8pm

Registration not required, just turn up on the night

WHAT WE ARE PRAYING

1. For the Oneness of the Body of Christ to emerge to fulfillment that we be an answer to the last prayer of Jesus.

"I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me." John 17:21

2. For the witness of Christ to increase. The Good News of Jesus to be confidently and beautifully made clear that captures the heart of every listener.

"Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." Nehemiah 4:14 (NLT)

3. For a spiritual awakening across our region. People coming alive in Christ Jesus!

"You will be known as Repairers of the Cities and Restorers of Communities." Isaiah 58:12b (TPT)

COMBINED PRAYER HUNTER GATHERING

As we look at world around us and it's impact on the church and community more than ever we must pray. Now is the time for a rising tide of prayer. We invite you to gather with us and all those participating in **Pray Hunter**.

Love and Blessings,

Rick Prosser on behalf of the Kingdomworks Board and Regional Teams



FIND US ON FACEBOOK

We now have the Parish Facebook page up and running. Information relating to both Muswellbrook and Aberdeen Mass centres will be shared here. Please search for us: **Catholic Parish of St James Muswellbrook** and **like/follow** our page to keep up to date with Parish news and important notices.



Weekly Mass & Liturgy Diary

Monday 18 January	Tuesday 19 January	Wednesday 20 January	Thursday 21 January	Friday 22 January	Saturday 23 January	Sunday 24 January
			St Agnes			3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9.00am Mass St. James Muswellbrook	11.30am Adoration and Benediction 12.05pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	9.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook	10.00am Mass St James Muswellbrook
	5.00pm Mass St Thomas Aberdeen				5.30pm Mass St James Muswellbrook	8.00am Mass St Thomas Aberdeen
<u>RECONCILIATION</u>						
Reconciliation is available 1/2 hr before weekend Masses and at any time upon request. Please call ahead to let Fr. Victor know when and where you would like to meet with him.						
<u>BLESSING OF HOMES</u>						
Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Victor if you wish to be placed on the list to have your home blessed with the Easter Holy Water.						

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: Iris Spittles, Maria Wilson, Joan Flanagan, Marie Clifford, Pauline Coleman, Debbie Peak, David Curran, Pat Hogan, Abbie Sweeper, Carlo Cerneaz, Norma Rowan, Carolyn Whittle, Ray Bennett, Kym Mason, Isha Sandeep, and Elkie Best

Anniversary: Joan Bowen, Meg and Alan Collins, Dorothy and Bill Edwards

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Croft and Frances Magick

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.

Ministers Roster Sunday 24th January 2020

4th Sunday of the Month	Readers	Cantors	Musicians	Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Sacristan
5.30pm Saturday Muswellbrook	M. Flanagan T. Furlong	C. Hayes	S. Davis			R. Panis	C. Hayes
8am Sunday Aberdeen	S. Milton	C. Wykes	C. Bowen				M. Hamilton
10am Sunday Muswellbrook	A. Sharpe A. Jacob	C. Panis	Can you fill this position?				K. Goodwin
Counters	David McTaggart and Mike Kennelly			<i>The collections can be counted any time after 10am Mass on Sunday till the Wednesday of that week.</i>			

"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."