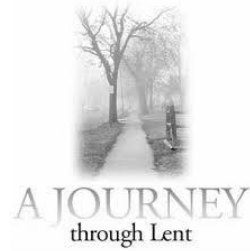


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Year B



1st March 2015

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"St Thomas More Parish, Ruse, is a Christ-centred Catholic Community that is committed to living Gospel Values, united by faith as we bring God's Kingdom to life. Our Mission is to welcome all, and respect and support each other in our spiritual journey. We encourage the gifts of people in building our community"

Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have a ramp going into the Church and one going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know. "Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40"

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

Welcome

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to welcome Father Terry Herbert, who will be Celebrating Masses at our Parish this weekend whilst Fr Tony is on Annual Leave.

LENT TIMETABLE 2015

Stations of the Cross are being held 7.30pm every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 2nd April:

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Then Altar of Repose till 11.30pm

Friday 3rd April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 4th April: HOLY SATURDAY

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 5th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2015** and help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life. www.caritas.org.au or 1800 024 413. Please take home a Project Compassion Box or the set of envelopes. These are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to the teachers who are giving their time and talents in preparing the Candidates for this Sacrament. *You are greatly appreciated.*

Birthdays for this week:

1st March: Zach Riley

2nd March: Michael Walsh

3rd March: Janece Levi

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Danielle Hargreaves (nee Writer), Paul Riddell, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Nathan Bethally, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Ell Garcia, Sr Mary Picone (Marist Sister previously residing at Airds), Josephine McKay, Beryl Ahsam, Donald McKinnon, Norma Sheehy, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Mary Writer, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.

May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME 9.30 - 11.30am
Tuesdays in our Parish Hall during school terms.
Attention Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, everyone welcome. If you have children including under School age children and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION ROSTER'S: Are available for collection from the basket on the table at the entrance of the Church.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Primary School.
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016: Applications are now available from the School Office. Enrolments are being accepted until 3 April 2015. Enrolment interviews will take place in May.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH: The first Diocesan Assembly for 2015 10am-1.30pm at St Mary's Star of the Sea College Hall, Wollongong. The focus for this assembly will be engaging in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2015 to 2017 with special focus on support family life and serving Christ's mission together. Registration is essential. Helen on helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. One day Retreat: Saturday 7th March. Topic: The Our Father, the Presenter is: Fr Greg Homeming, OCD, the cost is \$20.00. To register or for more details please phone 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au. Registration: 900am - 10.15am. The Retreat: 10.20am - 4.00pm. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE - "SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE": Monday 9, 16 & 23 March; 13 & 27 April, 9:30am-1:30pm, Mary Mother of the Church, Macquarie Fields. Tuesdays, 24 March; 7, 14 & 28 April, 5 May, 5:30-9:30pm, Mary Mother of the Church, Macquarie Fields
Are you new to ministry or currently involved and want to learn more? Interested in developing skills for working with others and enhancing the growth of a ministry in which you participate? Then this course is for you. This course provides an overview of Christian ministry, equipping those involved or seeking to be involved in ministry with essential skills and knowledge for actively contributing to the life of the parish or Diocese. Enrolments and for further information please contact Darren McDowell, cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 463.

CATHOLICARE ST PATRICK'S RACE DAY FUNDRAISER
Saturday 21 March, Kembla Grange Racecourse. Tickets now on sale. Book today to avoid disappointment. Ph: 42271122
Email: chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au Web: www.catholiccare.dow.org.au All monies raised will assist the Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) program - helping siblings of kids with a disability

Understanding & Supporting the Journey of Loss & Grief
Wednesday 25 March 9:00am-3:30pm Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St Campbelltown
How do you cope with loss and grief, either your own or that of others? Would you like to better understand the loss and grief process; develop ways to learn from loss and grief; gain the skills required to pastorally support and communicate with others who are experiencing loss and grief? Loss and Grief can often be a very difficult experience. Facilitated by Carmen Karauda, Diocesan Aged Care Advocate. For information contact Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515 or Carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au and registration essential to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au A suggested donation of \$10 is requested to cover morning tea, lunch and materials.

ST TERESA'S FIFTH CENTENARY CONCERT - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Church Varroville Saturday 28 March 2015 at 2pm. The concert features many artists of high standing, taking you on a musical pilgrimage through Lent, reflecting and representing the life and work of St Teresa of Jesus. The celebrations begin with a Mass at 10.00 with Bishop Peter Ingham, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch at 12.00 pm. Soon after at 2.00 pm, the concert begins and later on at 7.00 pm there will be dinner dance. You are all invited to come along to any event or all. *Entry is by donation to raise funds for student's pilgrimage to Avila and Project Compassion.* For more information see www.teresa500.org.au and www.olmcvarroville.org.au or contact Parish Office on 9693 73737 or nellalucestudio@hotmail.com



PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Bev (the address is on the main notice board in the Church). Bev will be praying the Rosary on the next 2 Mondays at 4.00pm beginning this Monday 2nd March.

If you would like to have the Rosary Statue in your home please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 2nd March: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome, come along and see what this Parish Ministry is all about.
Tuesday 3rd March: 9.30am - 11.30am "St Thomas More Playtime Group" meets in the Parish Hall.(see notice)
Friday 6th March: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 10th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre. New members are most welcome.
Thursday 12th March: 9.30am Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laughs and a cuppa etc.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 7th March: Maureen Molland and Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass: 8th March: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read

Vigil Mass: 14th March: Winnie Cameron and James Munro

9.00am Mass: 15th March: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

Vigil Mass: 7th March: Ethan Billet and Tony Billet

9.00am Mass: 8th March: Ben Markham and Maryse Parisi

Vigil Mass: 14th March: Chris O'Brien and Brian O'Brien

9.00am Mass: 15th March: Jim Writer and Tess Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 7th March: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James Munro and Carmel Munro

Saturday 14th March: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass; 7th March: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: 8th March: Gwen and Brian Harris

Vigil Mass: 14th March: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: 15th March: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS: 15th MARCH:

Group 2: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Hedy Toth.

