

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

15th 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.



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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00AM MASS:



Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish this weekend are invited to come over to the Parish Hall for some light refreshments after the 9.00am morning Mass.

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. Either contact: www.caritas.org.au or 1800 024 413 or take home a Project Compassion Box or set of envelopes. They are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

READERS' ROSTER – EASTER 2015

Palm Sunday: 28th/29th March:

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: 1st Reader: Bill George

2nd Reader and Prayers of Intercession: Andrew James

Gospel/Passion N: Bev McKenzie

O: Julie McKenzie

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

9.00am Mass:

1st Reader: Christine Foreman

2nd Reader and Prayers of Intercession:

Maureen Molland

Gospel/Passion N: Agnes Sevatu

O: Barry Daley

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (2nd April)

Commentary for Procession of Oils: Maria Feher

1st Reader: Brian O'Brien

2nd Reader: Maureen Molland

(no Creed, Prayers of Intercession after the Washing of the Feet)

Good Friday: 3rd April:

10.00am: Stations of the Cross (St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and Parish Children)

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord:

1st Reader: James Munro

2nd Reader: Carmel Munro

Gospel/Passion: N: Andrew James

O: Chris O'Brien

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

General Intercessions: Pauline Menzies

Easter Vigil 7.00pm Mass: 4th April:

1st Reader: Bev McKenzie

2nd Reader: Maria Feher

3rd Reader: Agnes Sevatu

Epistle and Prayers of Intercession: May Michelutti

Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass: 5th April:

1st Reader: Jim Writer

2nd Reader and Prayers of Intercession: Christine Foreman

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale on the weekends of 21/22 and 28/29 March. There are 7 prizes. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser. All monies raised goes back into our Parish Church and Hall eg: blinds etc**

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the School Terms at the 9.00am Mass. This is for children in Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like to be a Teacher/and or helper please phone the Parish Office on: 4628 2967 for more information.

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:

15th March: Cathy Bye

16th March: Kieran Minogue and Chris Reddy

20th March: Ryan Inkster

21st March: Dominic Robinson and Annette Read

Anniversaries for this week:

16th March: Karin and Barry Daley (51years)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Sr Mary Picone, 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.**

PARISH GROUNDS WORKING BEE IN READINESS FOR

EASTER Saturday 28th MARCH from 8.30am: Due to our Volunteer Groundsmen being on sick leave for at least 6 weeks, we are asking Parishioners to help in preparing our Church grounds for Easter. We are well aware that this is Election Day. Please consider giving even an hour of your time, it is greatly appreciated. **If you could please bring: lawnmowers, wheelbarrows, shovels, brooms etc. There are many jobs to be done and the more the merrier. Morning tea will be provided**

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**

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 available from the School Office. Enrolments are being accepted until 3 April 2015. Enrolment interviews will take place in May.

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY OF

LOSS & GRIEF Wed.25 March 9:00am-3:30pm Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St Campbelltown. Please take a brochure from the tables at the entrance of the Church.

ST TERESA'S FIFTH CENTENARY CONCERT - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Church Varroville Saturday 28 March. 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 Beryl (the address is on the main notice board in the Church). If you would like to join the family, Beryl will be praying the Rosary on the next two **Monday's** at **11.00am. If you would like to have the Rosary Statue in your home please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 17th March: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall (**postponed until April**)

Thursday 19th March: 7.00pm-9.00pm Choir practice in the Parish Hall in preparation for Easter, all singers are encouraged to attend

Friday 20th March: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 24th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre. New members are most welcome.

Thursday 26th March: 9.30am Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laugh and a cuppa etc.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 21st March: Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: 22nd March: Faye and Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: 28th March: Maureen Molland and Louise Phillips

9.00am Mass: 29th March: Catherine Minogue

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: 21st March: Chris O'Brien, Brian O'Brien

9.00am Mass: 22nd March: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Vigil Mass: 28th March: Andrew James and Bill George

9.00am Mass: 29th March: Eleanor Barbari and Maureen Molland

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 21st March: Group 1: Syro- Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 28th March: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'aiu Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

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Vigil Mass: 21st March: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: 22nd March: St Thomas More Primary School

Vigil Mass: 28th March: Help Needed,

9.00am Mass: 29th March: Barry Daley

