

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the EASTER  
Year B  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 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 ramps going into the Church and 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.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?:** Members of our Parish Community visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish Office (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please keep in in your prayers the Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these Candidates.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015.** Candidates have to be in Year 6 and above and have to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. More details to come regarding the Information/Enrolment Evening for Confirmation.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Brian Harris, Chris Noyce, Maree Laming, Ethan Craig, Amy Jablonskis, Karenne Harvey, 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, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Paul Riddell, Mary Writer, Michael Burns, Nathan Bethally, Eil Garcia, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, 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.*

**Parishioners Birthdays for this week:**

2<sup>nd</sup> May: Michael (Mike) Young  
5<sup>th</sup> May: Britany and Courtney D’Souza  
5<sup>th</sup> May: Gwen Harris  
6<sup>th</sup> May: Joe D’Souza and Megan Mahanay

**Parishioners Anniversaries for this week:**

5<sup>th</sup> May: Michelle and Joe D’Souza (25 years)  
7<sup>th</sup> May: Margaret and Colin Davis (51 years)

**PARISH LADIES MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale at all Masses this weekend. \$1.00 per ticket and there are 7 great prizes. The raffle will be drawn next Sunday 9.00am Mass (Mother’s Day). **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

**LADIES HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION?:**

The Parish Ladies Group would like to invite all Ladies over the age of 18 for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 12noon to 2.30pm to a High Tea. What a great way to spend a relaxing afternoon for \$5.00 in our Parish Hall. What’s a Catholic function without a raffle (yes there is one). **Please RSVP ( Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May) to either 4628 2967 (Parish Office) or put your name down on the clipboard at the main entrance of the Church. A great time is promised.**

**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**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Parish Pastoral Council:**

If you are interested in being a member of our Parish Pastoral Council please speak with Father Tony. *The Parish Pastoral Council share the responsibility for building a vibrant community that is embedded in the Eucharist and built on faith, hope and charity. The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Parish Priest meeting once a month. Members normally hold office for 2 years.*

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Parish Powerpoint Creations, Counter’s, Church Cleaner’s, Children’s Liturgy, Flower Arranger’s, Usher’s/Greeters. If you would like more information on these Parish Ministries please either speak with Fr Tony of phone the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please think about joining one of these Parish Ministries, this is our Church and we need your help. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

**NEW PARISH CHOIR:** If you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry please contact Dexter on: 0431990639. Music enhances the Liturgy of the Church.

**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

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK NUMBERS:** If anyone in the Parish has a Working With Children Check Number and are involved in any Parish Ministries, **could you please give your Number to Fr Tony or send through to the Parish Office ASAP. Thanking you for your assistance**

**ST VINCENT de PAUL UPCOMING WINTER APPEAL:**

Winter is an especially hard time for the needy and homeless in our community. Your St Vincent de Paul Conference will once again be conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish from Sundays 10 May to 14 June 2015.

This year we will again be appealing for **cash and food.** There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass on each of these weekends, if people prefer to make a cash donation. Simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. There will also be envelopes at the back of the church for the remainder of Winter 2015.

We are again also collecting food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area can receive filling meals. It is a service that is vital to our community and any food donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Centre’s needs include: Tinned tuna/ meat, Tinned spaghetti/ baked beans, Tinned soup/ meals, Tinned fruit, Milk powder/ condensed milk, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder, Hot chocolate/ Milo, Tea/ coffee/ cordial, Plain and self raising flour, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, Beef stock cubes, Any herbs & spices. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks.

There will be boxes at the back of the church on the Appeal weekends of 10 May to 14 June, where you may place material donations. Please think of these items when next out grocery shopping.

**Thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers. St Vincent de Paul Society**

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Parishioners and visitors please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter and see what is happening.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA: Diocesan Appeal for Nepal Earthquake 9-10 May 2015**

Our prayers and thoughts are with the communities in Nepal, and neighbouring countries, devastated by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake on 25 April 2015. Caritas Australia staff are currently on the ground working with local partners to respond to immediate needs. We urgently need your help to provide food, shelter and clean water and to support the long-term recovery. **Special Appeal Envelopes will be available on the weekend of 9 and 10 May 2015**

**JOURNEY MAGAZINE:** The latest autumn edition is now available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Find out what is happening in our Diocese.

**UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY OF AGEING:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9am – 3.30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Meeting Room, St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Registration is essential by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:**

The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of **Richard and Maryse.** The Family will be praying the Rosary on Monday evening at 6.00pm. The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.

*The purpose of this Ministry is to increase prayer within our Parish. Parishioners involved in this Ministry are prepared to open their home for fellow parishioners to join them in saying the Rosary. If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659*

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, all Ladies are most welcome, come along for a chat and getting to know each other  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May: 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.  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome.

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS: EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Maureen Molland and Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Trish Newman and James Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau**

**READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS: (Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: David Minogue and Louise Phillips**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Rosalie and Chris Vine**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: David Minogue and Louise Phillips**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Rosalie and Chris Vine**

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**USHERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Christine Foreman**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson**

**CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER’S FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Christine Foreman and Carmel Munro**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Christine Gomes**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May (after the 9.00am Mass): Tongan Community**

