

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Year B  
22nd 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 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.



FR TONY

*We pray you had a restful and enjoyable holiday.*

**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.



# Welcome

*Glad you're here!*

*We welcome children and their families from our Parish Catholic Primary School at our morning Mass.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Please keep in your prayers the 59 children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Thank you to the teachers who are gave their time and talents in preparing the Candidates for this Sacrament. *You are greatly appreciated*

**INFORMATION/ENROLMENT NIGHT FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. The Candidate/s has to be Baptised Catholic and made their Reconciliation and in Year 3 and above.

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](http://www.caritas.org.au) or 1800 024 413 Boxes/Envelopes are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS for GOOD FRIDAY (10.00am)** there is a ½ practice after the 9.00am Mass today. All children are invited to be a part of our Parish Stations of the Cross to be held in the Parish Grounds (weather permitting). There will be another practice before Good Friday.

#### 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)

#### READERS' ROSTER – EASTER 2015

**Palm Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March:**

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Bill George

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader and Prayers of Intercession: Andrew James

Gospel/Passion N: Bev McKenzie

O: Julie McKenzie

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

9.00am Mass:

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Christine Foreman

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

Commentary for Procession of Oils: Maria Feher

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Brian O'Brien

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Maureen Molland

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

**Good Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> April:**

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

**3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: James Munro

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 4<sup>th</sup> April:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Bev McKenzie

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Maria Feher

3<sup>rd</sup> Reader: Agnes Sevatu

Epistle and Prayers of Intercession: May Michelutti

**Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> April:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Jim Writer

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader and Prayers of Intercession: Christine Foreman

**PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets will go on sale this weekend and next weekend. 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*

**Birthdays for this week:**

23<sup>rd</sup> March: Betty Berthon, 26<sup>th</sup> March: Jamie Vossen

**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. Fr Maurice Rosa (R.D.), 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 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH from 8.30am:**

Due to our Volunteer Groundsmen being on sick leave for at least another 5 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**

**'CALLING ALL SELF EMPLOYED PARISHIONERS/VISITORS:**

Why not support Parish finances in a tax effective way? Depending on your personal circumstances and taxation advice, you could benefit your business and support the work of the Parish, by placing an advertisement in the Parish Bulletin.

The cost is only \$275.00 (includes \$25.00 GST) (per business card size or \$550.00 (includes \$50.00 GST) for double business card size) add per year to promote your business among friends. Simply call the Parish Office during business hours on 46282967 or place your contact details on the clipboard at the rear of the Church, and you will be contacted shortly."

**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 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](http://www.teresa500.org.au) and [www.olmcvarroville.org.au](http://www.olmcvarroville.org.au) or contact Parish Office on 9693 73737 or [nellalucestudio@hotmail.com](mailto: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 **Monday 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 24<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre. New members are most welcome.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm-9.00pm** Choir practice in the Parish Hall in preparation for Easter, all singers are encouraged to attend

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm** Stations of the Cross

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Maureen Molland and Louise Phillips

**9.00am Mass: 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Catherine Minogue

**Vigil Mass: 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Bev McKenzie and Winnie Cameron

**9.00am Mass: 5<sup>th</sup> April:** Fay Faamau and Catherine Minogue

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

**Vigil Mass: 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Andrew James and Bill George

**9.00am Mass: 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Christine Foreman and

Maureen Molland

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Group 4:** Maureen Molland, Fa'au

Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Group6:** Nasio Family

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Help Needed,

**9.00am Mass: 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Barry Daley