

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Year B
29th 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.

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.

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 Boxes/Envelopes are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.
CAN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE either to be placed in the Collection Baskets at Mass or left at the Parish Office during Office Hours. Thanking you in anticipation.

PRACTICE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS for GOOD

FRIDAY: This Wednesday (1st April) afternoon at 5.00pm (in the Church). All children are invited to be a part of our Parish Stations of the Cross to be held in the Parish Grounds.

RECONCILIATION for EASTER:

Good Friday (3rd April): 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Holy Saturday (4th April): 11.00am -12noon
4.00pm – 5.00pm

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: 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 (\$1.00 each) are on sale at all Masses this weekend and at the Parish Office during Office Hours this week. The Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday at the 9.00am Mass. Best wishes to everyone who has/is supporting this Parish Fundraiser. There are 7 prizes.
Please support this Parish Fundraiser. All monies raised goes back into our Parish Church and Hall eg: blinds etc

Birthdays for this week:

29th: Dominic Robinson & Kevin Webb

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Ethan Craig, 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. Michael Burns (R.D.), Tessie Henriques (Anniv), Fr Maurice Rosa, Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Sr Mary Picone, Josephine McKay, Beryl Ahsam, Donald McKinnon, Norma Sheehy, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Mary Writer, 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.

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."

INFORMATION/ENROLMENT NIGHT FOR FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION: Wednesday 29th 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.

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.

INVITATION: CHRISM MASS: Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm: Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. During the Mass, the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service, Bishop Peter blesses the Oils: Catechumens (Baptism), Sick and consecrates the Oil of Chrism (Baptism, Confirmation, the Ordination of Clergy and the consecration of altars). Everyone is warmly invited to attend this event.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Bev* (the address is on the main notice board in the Church). If you would like to join the family, *Bev* will be praying the Rosary on **Monday** at **4.00pm**.

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

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 1st April: Stations of the Cross for Good Friday practice at 5.00pm (please read notices for details)
Tuesday 7th April: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Thursday 9th April: 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.
Monday 13th April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than welcome
Tuesday 14th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than welcome
Wednesday 15th April: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 4th April: Bev McKenzie and Winnie Cameron
Easter 9.00am Mass: Sunday 5th April: Fay Faamau and Catherine Minogue
Vigil Mass: 11th April: Trish Newman and Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: 12th April: Julie Writer and Annette Read

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April: Easter: please see bulletin notice.
Saturday 11th April: Vigil Mass: Bev and Julie McKenzie
Sunday 12th April: 9.00am Mass: Samoan Divine Mercy

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 4th April: Group 6: Nasio Family
Saturday 11th April: Group 2:
Cathy Bye, Barry Daley and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Easter Sunday: 5th April: Brian and Gwen Harris

Vigil Mass: 11th April: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass 12th April: Christine Foreman

HOLY WEEK: embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts. SC 110