

2nd Sunday of Easter
Year B
15th April 2012



EASTER TIME: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday' (Athanasius). These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. The Sundays of this season rank as Paschal Sundays... (GNLYC 22-24)

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."

Fr Tony's Easter Message for 2012

Wishing you all a most Holy, happy and joyous Easter. May you, your family and friends enjoy the Blessings of the Risen Lord.

St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one for who loves'.

There is also the ancient proverb, 'One who sings well prays twice'.

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Fr Tony
Parish Priest

COULD ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES BE BOUGHT BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE. They can either be left at the Church or dropped into the Parish Office during office hours. Thanking you in anticipation.

Come and meet our fellow parishioners, you are all invited to come over to the parish hall and share a cuppa after the 9.30am mass this morning.



THANKYOU: Thank you to the many parishioners who prepared and beautified our Church for our Easter celebrations. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Jeanette Wells (R.D.), Mick Cook (past parishioner) (R.D.), Noel Dercy (R.D.), Theresa (Tessie) Henriques, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Margaret Edgerton, Mary Writer, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, L. Abreo, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Christine Hudson, Jim Writer, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Maree Laming, Marcia Davis, Ginny Pereira, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

Diary Dates:

- **Choir Practice** Monday 16th April at 7.00pm in the Church (practice for the New Freedom Mass setting), all singers are encouraged to attend
- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 24th April at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Retiree's Social Group meeting** Thursday 26th April after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

Parish Birthdays for this week:

16th: Michael Bye

Wedding Anniversary:

14th: John and Elaine Nakasenh (5 years) and Robert and Helen Rawson (39 years)

16th: Chris and Carmel Bartolo (24 years)

20th: Kevin and Melanie Webb (21 years)

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Was drawn last Sunday and the winners were: 1st Noel Laming, 2nd: Steve Noyce, 3rd: Kerry Hooton and 4th: Michael Pew. Many thanks to all our parishioners and visitors who supported this Parish Ladies fundraiser.

PARISH LADIES HIGH TEA: The Parish Ladies Group has arranged to have a High Tea at Ridges (Campbelltown Catholic Club) to celebrate Mother's Day. This will be held on Sunday 6th May from 11.30am onwards. The cost is \$40.00 per head and the payment has to be finalised by Sunday 29th April. If you would like to come along and bring your friends please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church.

Come on Ladies come and enjoy being "waited" on.

PARISH PIETY STALL: If you would like to purchase Religious Goods, Rosary Beads etc please come and a look in our Parish Piety Stall or see Bertha and John. **There are plenty of goods available for sale.**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2013: Application forms are available from the School Office. For enquiries please phone the School on 4625 6561

PARISHIONERS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED: Being involved in one of our parish ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the people you see across the aisles at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or see Fr Tony, for details about the many ways you can get involved.

As many parishioners have moved away, **we are especially** in need of People to help with **flower arranging, church cleaner's** (start up a new group and you decide when you wish to clean the church that best suites you) and **counter's**. Don't forget to put your name down on the clipboards at the entrance to the Church for tradespeople and grounds people.

DO YOU 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 (4628 2967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: To remember the Dharrawal people killed in the massacre of 1816. Takes place on **Sunday, 15 April 2012** at **Cataract Dam picnic area** from **12noon – 3.30pm**. Sausage sizzle lunch provided. The ceremony is a short walk to the site so appropriate shoes, hats, sunscreen and water are highly recommended. Feel free to bring your own chair as seating is limited. Contact Aunty Muriel Brandy on 9605 4540, Uncle Ivan Wellington on 0447 581 306 or Sr Kerry Macdermott on 9605 1838.

MUSICIANS' WORKSHOP – ADDITIONAL MASS SETTINGS

will be held on **Sunday, 29 April, 2012** from **1.00pm – 4.00pm** at **St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong**. The Diocesan Liturgical Commission in conjunction with the Wollongong Chapter of the Australian Pastoral Musicians' Network (APMN) will hold a "Sing the Mass" workshop. It will showcase additional Mass settings used widely throughout Australia and examine the resources available to help communities prepare for the introduction of additional settings. It is recommended that parishes begin to introduce additional settings to complement the Diocesan Mass setting, the *Glendalough Mass*, so that people will be able to participate in Masses with people outside the Diocese. **RSVP ESSENTIAL to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au by Friday, 20 April, 2012**

HISTORICAL PIECE OF THE WOLLONGONG DIOCESE:

On 17 April 1833 (179 years ago) the pioneer priest, Fr John Joseph Therry, wrote in his diary: "Having travelled from Appin on horseback, I offered Mass at the Soldiers Barracks, baptised five children and solemnised two marriages. I was graciously received by Captain Allman." This entry by Fr Therry is in fact the earliest recorded date for the first Mass celebrated in the Wollongong district. Another pioneer priest, Fr McEncroe, some 30 years later referred in retrospect to having celebrated the first Mass in the Illawarra, but was not specific as to date and place.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Glen and Anna** from Monday **16th April** until Sunday **22nd April**. The family will say the Rosary at **7.30pm**. Please see main notice board for the address details. *Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.*

READERS FOR MASS FOR APRIL 2012:

Vigil Mass: Catherine & Steve Robinson
 8.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Barry Daley
 9.30am Mass: Pesio Aiga & Chantal Barbari

COMMENTATORS for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: James Munro
 8.00am Mass: Claire O'Brien
 9.30am Mass: Noel Laming

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
 8.00am Mass: Francesca Chow & Karenne Harvey
 9.30am Mass: Christine Foreman

FLOWERS for next weekend: Christine and Carmel

CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Pauline Menzies, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 6th May (after the 8.00am Mass) Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie and Maureen Hennessy

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012
(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)

First Holy Communion

(Children Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation)

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only)
 Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 6th May at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 27th May.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Practice – Friday 8th June at 5.00pm – Parish Church
Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Weekend Masses 9/10th June (6.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am)

Confirmation

(Children Year 6 and above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only)
 Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 5th August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26th August.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Thursday 30th August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Confirmation Practice Friday 7th September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday 8th September (Mass time to be advised)

