

3rd Sunday of Easter
Year B
22nd 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."

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.

The parish would like to welcome all the children back from school holidays and wish them well for the 2nd term of the school year.

Diary Dates:

- **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 Pastoral Council meeting** Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Parents Information meeting for First Holy Communion** Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30pm in the Church (see Sacramental notice for more details)

Parish Birthdays for this week:

23rd: Christine Charlton, **24th:** Richard Martin, **25th:** Trevor Stone and **27th:** Kristine George

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Jeanette Wells, Mick Cook (past parishioner), Noel Dercy, 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: Ken Smith, 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, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

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 12noon (please note change of time) 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

CHURCH CLEANERS ROSTER: Is due to end in the middle of May, and we urgently need new parishioners to join our roster. If you have a spare hour to help with this Ministry it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office during Office hours or speak with Fr Tony for more details. Please help to keep our place of worship welcoming. If you are already on the roster and would like to continue please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. Thanking you all in anticipation.

READERS AND COMMENTATORS: The current Readers'/Commentators' roster finishes at the end of June. If you are already a reader and you wish to continue or if you have considered joining this Ministry please put your name on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. If you do, you will be on the roster to read for period of a month perhaps twice a year and to commentate approx. every 6 weeks. This is a commitment and at any time you are unavailable it is essential you let me know so as you can be replaced.

I will have a workshop for new or old readers who have not previously attended one and I look forward to seeing you.

Many thanks Julie

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE? Who is God calling you to be? Priesthood offers a fulfilling way of life. Has the thought ever stirred in your heart? For help in discerning whether this is for you, visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood> or contact priesthood@dow.org.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the 49th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this annual worldwide event the Church invites you to pray especially for those God is calling to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Why not consider someone you think should explore these vocations and pray for them especially this week? Have you encouraged them to explore what God is calling them to be?

MUSICIANS' WORKSHOP – ADDITIONAL MASS SETTINGS

will be held next **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 throughout Australia and examine the resources available to help communities prepare for the introduction of additional settings. **RSVP ESSENTIAL to Helen Bennett on 4253 0934 or email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au**

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR DIOCESAN PASTORAL

COUNCIL: Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, *Bearers of Christ's Love*, calls for the re-establishment of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The Diocesan Pastoral Council considers the pastoral questions of our day and makes appropriate recommendations to the Bishop. It acts as a significant form of collaborative dialogue and discernment in service of the pastoral needs of the Diocese. **Bishop Peter Ingham is now calling on people to nominate for the Council. Interested applicants will need to be endorsed by the priest in their parish of worship and send in their nomination before the end of April.** Then, at the beginning of May, Bishop Peter will appoint the final Council from nominations received. **If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Pastoral Council or know someone with the qualities to offer a rich contribution, please contact your local priest, download a copy from our diocesan website at www.dow.org.au, or contact the Bishop's Office and speak with Jane Edwards on 4253 0899.**

MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST Mass Preparation Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 May 2012 at 7:30pm at Xavier Centre, 2 Bond Street, Bellambi**. The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 26 August, 2012 and will be held at the Cathedral and St Mary Star of the Sea College hall. **Those interested in taking part in this celebration are invited to attend this first preparation meeting.**

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL - A TIME TO CELEBRATE – STALLS,

MUSIC, RIDES, SPEAKERS, FOOD. You are invited to join the Diocese on **Saturday, 26 May 2012 at John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow**, any time between 10.00am and 4.00pm, to celebrate the many gifts and opportunities we have to participate in the life of the Church. This festival day promises to be a wonderful witness to the life and vitality that exists within our Catholic community with rides for the children, many stalls, music, keynotes, showcases and a whole array of food from the many cultures in our Diocese. **So save the date in your calendars now! If you would like to participate on the day with a food stall, music or a stall showcasing your ministry, contact Darren McDowell on 4253 0985 or darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au by Friday, 27 April.**

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **James and Carmel** from Monday **23rd April** until Sunday **29th 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 MAY 2012:

Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & James Munro
8.00am Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Tim Logue
9.30am Mass: Vela Andrews & Maryse Parisi

COMMENTATORS for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Louise Phillips
8.00am Mass: Chris O'Brien
9.30am Mass: Jessica Aiga

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
8.00am Mass: Barry Daley & Janece Levi
9.30am Mass: Pesio Aiga

FLOWERS for next weekend: Christine Gomes

CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faauo Faamau, Leesha Bell, Lina YengTung and Tino Maugututia

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)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the sharing of their presence with one another and through food. When we share ourselves and what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

