

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**Year B**  
**11<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**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."*

**WELCOME:** Our parish community warmly welcomes all visitors, and previous parishioners returning to the family home who are joining us over this weekend. Thank you for enriching our community with your presence.

**WELCOME**

*Father Mario De Battista*

Our Parish would like to welcome Father Mario De Battista who will be celebrating all our Masses this weekend.

**PRAYER CARDS FOR THE NEW ORDER OF MASS** (at the main entrance of the Church): Are available for use for you to follow especially the new words of the Gloria, the Nicene Creed, Apostles Creed and the Holy, Holy (Sanctus). It is anticipated that the new Personal Missals will be available with the next 12 months (2013). In the mean time please follow the prayer cards and/or the Powerpoint presentation to assist you with the new Translation of the Mass.

**Lent**

Stations of the Cross will be every **Thursday** during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year, until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year (CCL97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

**Parish Birthdays for this week:**

**10<sup>th</sup>:** Kerry Hennessy and Betty Wright

**Wedding Anniversary for this week:**

**11<sup>th</sup>:** Warwick and Laura O'Reilly (6 years)

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Caitlyn Rose O'Neill** who was Baptised last weekend.

**IGA RUSE – Free home delivery**

Free home delivery is available from IGA Ruse on Mondays and Thursdays for Pensioners and House –Bound people who live in Ruse. Deliveries will be made in the afternoons. For further details contact the shop on **4625 5000**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm – Parish Church  
**Classes** will commence week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Practice – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm – Parish Church  
**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** - Weekend Masses 9/10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm – Parish Church  
**Classes** will commence week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

**Confirmation Practice** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September (Mass time to be advised)

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Reconciliation on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

**2012 LENTEN PROGRAMME... "Living Faith".** Is a 6 week Lenten Program.

*The program reflects on the importance of faith in action, inviting us to base our own lived response in the person of Jesus Christ as experienced in the Lenten Gospels. It can be enriching to any individual or group asking the question: what does it mean to respond as a disciple to Christ's call? As such, it also offers a good foundation for reflecting on both the Year of Grace and Year of Faith in 2012. Our parish will be running 2 groups: one on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at James and Carmel's home 4627 1107 or in the Parish Hall on Wednesday's at 10.00am 4628 2967. Parishioners are most welcome*

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be on continue each Sunday of lent (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April) beginning at 3.00pm at the Franciscans Maryfields (opposite the Uni campus). All Parishioners are most welcome

**St Thomas More Catholic Parish Primary School,** along with other Macarthur Schools, will be assisting and leading Stations of the Cross on Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> March 2012** at 3:00 p.m. at Maryfields. Bishop Peter will be in attendance. All Parishioners are Welcome.

**WIN \$5000 CASH - St Vincent de Paul Raffle**

For the next couple of weeks St Vincent de Paul members will be selling raffle tickets before and after Mass. The prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5000 Cash  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Couples weekend package (night in the city)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Family fun pack

Tickets are \$2 each **OR** 3 tickets for \$5 **OR** \$20 a book of 15 tickets. To be drawn 23 April 2012. Please help support this worthy cause.

**Diocesan Stewardship Renewal Day** Saturday 24 March 2012, 10.00am-2.30pm St Therese Primary School Hall 2 Powell St, West Wollongong .The day will be an opportunity to review where we have been, re-ignite the vision and discuss the future direction of Stewardship within the Diocese. RSVP by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March Darren McDowell 4253 0985  
[darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au)

**A French Mass** will be held every 2nd Sunday of the month at St John's Church Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

**MARY MACKILLOP IN SYDNEY** - A day pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place and The Rocks.

**Date:** March 15<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 9.30am – 3pm

**Cost :** \$25 (includes morning tea, lunch & pilgrimage booklet)

For further information & bookings ring 028912 4845 or email [mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au)

**CHURCH SURROUNDS**

*The lawns are still growing like crazy. Any help any time in keeping them under control would be much appreciated.*

**A RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18 -35):** "WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT": A reflection on Jesus' love for us in his Passion and our response: Presented by the Retreat Team.

Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St. Andrews Rd. Varroville; Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 9:30am – 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost \$10. For booking and further information: (02) 9603 1433

**The Journey:** A Lenten concert that invites you to take a journey of life through a collection of beautiful music performed by: Concettina Gangemi, John Charadia, Jen Charadia, Paul Mason, Qestra Mulqueeny, Natalia Raspopova and Jessica Day.

The purpose of the concert is to give the community a chance to be inspired by beauty or a time to simply appreciate music from different musical periods. !  
Sunday, **18 March 2012** 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm (includes refreshments, tea, coffee and snacks at intermission)  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville (193 St Andrews Road

**ADMISSION** Adult \$15 | Pensioner/Concession \$10 | Child \$8 | Family \$40 | APMN Member \$10

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Connie 0426 541 628 Varroville Parish Office | 9603 7373 Email [lotenjourney@hotmail.com](mailto:lotenjourney@hotmail.com)

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of Chris from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March .The family will say the Rosary at 7.30pm.Please see main notice board for the address details. **Pray the powerful prayer – "The Rosary" with the family and receive many blessings.** Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.

**READERS FOR MASS FOR MARCH 2012:**

**Vigil Mass:** Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie  
**8.00am Mass:** Cody Benes & Maria Feher  
**9.30am Mass:** Jessica Aiga & Imelda

**COMMENTATOR'S for next weekend:**

**Vigil Mass:** Catherine Robinson  
**8.00am Mass:** Pauline Menzies  
**9.30am Mass:** David Minogue

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

**Vigil Mass:** Maureen Molland  
**8.00am Mass:** Francesca Chow and Karenne Harvey  
**9.30am Mass:** Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

**NO FLOWERS during Lent**

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

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March (after the 9.30am Mass):** Carmel Munro, Yvonne Reddy, Christine Foreman, Rita Jowsey, Helen Rawson and Maria Byron

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

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

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Cathy Pontin, Sean O'Neill, Gregory Jozwiak, Gwen Colmer, Trevor DeGoumois, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Rodriques and Vaz families, Ladislav Feher, Alan Skelton, Margaret Edgerton, Mary Writer, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, L. Abreo, Lina Pereira, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

**Diary Dates:**

- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Stations of the Cross** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Church
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at **7.30pm** – Candidates and their families only

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