

## 5th Sunday of Lent

Year B

25<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.

### EASTER TIMETABLE

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite Of Reconciliation
<b>Holy Week</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am Mass
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.00am Mass
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Mass
Christm Mass	7.30pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
Holy Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm Altar of Repose until 11.30pm (in the Hall)
Good Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord 7.30pm Evening Prayer of Divine Office
Holy Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Reconciliation: 11.00am to 12noon And 4.00pm -5.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass	7.00pm
Easter Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Mass

### READERS FOR EASTER

#### Palm Sunday

<b>Vigil Mass:</b>	
<b>Commentator &amp; Prayers of the Faithful:</b>	James Munro
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Louise Phillips
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	Bev McKenzie
<b>Gospel/Passion:</b>	<b>N</b> Catherine Robinson
	<b>C</b> Steve Robinson
	<b>(C)</b> Congregation
<b>9.00am Mass</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Chantal Barbari
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	Barry Daley
<b>Gospel/Passion:</b>	<b>N</b> Therese Writer
	<b>C</b> Chris O'Brien
	<b>(C)</b> Congregation
<b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b>	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
<b>All readers are to process in</b>	

### Easter Readers cont'd

#### Holy Thursday (7.30pm)

<b>Commentator:</b>	Brian O'Brian
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Clair O'Brien
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	David Minogue

#### Good Friday – Lord's Passion (3.00pm)

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Pauline Menzies
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	Gabby Menzies
<b>Gospel/Passion:</b>	<b>N</b> Bev McKenzie
	<b>C</b> Kerry Hennessy
	<b>(C)</b> Choir and Congregation
<b>General Intercessions:</b>	Freda Miranda

#### Easter

##### Vigil (7.00pm):

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Bill George
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	Rosalie Vine
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Reader:</b>	Pauline Menzies
<b>Epistle</b>	Chantal Barbari
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Chris O'Brien

##### 9.00am Mass

<b>Commentator:</b>	Meli Mauga
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader:</b>	Chantal Barbari
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:</b>	David Minogue (sequence & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Don't forget to take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent. Your donations will allow Caritas Australia to reduce poverty and hunger in around the world. They can start being returned to the Church from next weekend (Palm Sunday)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will continue the remaining Sundays of Lent (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**

#### Parish Birthdays for this week:

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Maria Gaunigio, **26<sup>th</sup>:** Jamie Vossen,  
**29<sup>th</sup>:** Anthony Robinson & Kevin Webb

**PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale from this weekend after all the Masses. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there are 4 great prizes. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass. Please help to support this fundraising raffle for our parish. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

**PARISH LADIES HIGH TEA:** The Parish Ladies Group have arranged to have a High Tea at Ridges (Campbelltown Catholic Club) to celebrate Mother's Day. This will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 11.30am onwards. The cost is \$40.00 per head and the payment has to be finalised by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**LITTLE WHITE BOOK:** Six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter (Year B) are available from the Piety Stall for \$4.00 each. We have plenty in stock

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

For the next couple of weeks St Vincent de Paul members will be selling raffle tickets. 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.**

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

#### 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

**ISTAND GENERATION School Holiday Camp.** Are you aged between 14-18? Do you know someone in this age bracket? Then this is for you! Youth Mission Team Wollongong is holding their first last iSTAND camp for the year from **Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 April 2012**. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with other young people, with games, interactive activities, dramas, recreation and beach, talks and sharing, great music, Mass, good food and lots of fun! For further details, please contact YMT Wollongong Manager, Christopher Brennan on 02 4284 1635 or 0433 636 359 or wollongong@ymt.com.au Hope to see you there!

#### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Minna Innes, Joan McInerney, Maurie Murphy, Fiona Carson, Kathy Pontin, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Rodriques and Vaz families, Ladislav Feher, 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.

#### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jim Writer, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, 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 DeVile, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Siieli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

#### Diary Dates:

- **Choir Practice** for Easter Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Church, **all singers are encouraged to attend**
- **Stations of the Cross** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Church
- **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Parish Finance Council meeting** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group meeting** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **Carol** from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The family will say the Rosary at 7.00pm. 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 APRIL 2012:

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL for next weekend:

**Vigil Mass:** James Munro  
**9.00am Mass:** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

#### USHER'S for next weekend:

**Vigil Mass:** Chantal Barbari  
**9.00am Mass:** Pesio Aiga

**CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend:** Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April (after the 9.00am Mass) Parish Ladies Group

#### 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)

