

**Easter Sunday**  
**Year B**  
**8th 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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*Please sing at all Easter celebrations with joy in your heart.*

*Fr Tony*  
 Parish Priest



*Wishing all the children and their families of our parish a very Holy, happy and safe holiday.*

**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.

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Theresa (Tessie) Henriques, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Minna Innes, Fiona Carson, Kathy Pontin, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Rodrigues 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: Christine Hudson, Jim Writer, Jeanette Wells, 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 DeVillie, 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:**

- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Choir Practice** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Church (to learn a new Mass setting), all singers are encouraged to attend
- **Retiree's Social Group meeting** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

**Parish Birthdays for this week:**

11<sup>th</sup>: Karenne Harvey, 12<sup>th</sup>: Caleb McMurray

**Wedding Anniversary:**

8<sup>th</sup>: Miguel and Alicia Martin (34 years)

**PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE:** Will be drawn after the Easter Sunday (9.00am) Mass and the results will be published in next week's bulletin. Thank you to the many parishioners who have supported this 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 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.**

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

**THANKYOU TO OUR PARISHIONER** who has been spending many hours over the last couple of weeks maintaining our parish church grounds, you are greatly appreciated.

**THANKYOU** to the many parishioners (preparing the Church, grounds, readers and refreshments after Mass) who helped in making our Family Mass last weekend such a success. **Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.**

**THANKYOU:** Also to the many parishioners who have prepared and beautified our Church for this weekend. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

**Caritas Australia:** Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion offers new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2012 appeal.

**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.

**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

**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, Mass, good food and lots of fun! For more information, 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!

**APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY:** To remember the Dharawal 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.

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **Kay Fraser** from Monday **9th April** until Sunday **15th April**.

The family will say the Rosary at **4.00pm**. 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:** Bev McKenzie  
**8.00am Mass:** Kerry Hennessy  
**9.30am Mass:** Vela Andrews

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

**Vigil Mass:** Carmel Munro  
**8.00am Mass:** Gwen and Brian Harris  
**9.30am Mass:** Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

**FLOWERS for next weekend:** Julie Writer

**CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend:** Group 2: Cathy Bye, Yvonne Reddy, Barry Daley and Eugene Wasko

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April (after the 9.30am Mass) Maureen Molland, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Christine Goodall and Pauline Menzies

**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)

