

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year B
27th May 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."

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Ken Smith, Jim Writer, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Maree Laming, Marcia Davis, 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.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Stephen Vaz (Anniv), Gilberto Rodrigues (Anniv), Benjamin Lamiel Snr. (Anniv) Christine Hudson, George Pew, Gertrude Peters, Joan Riddell, Robert Riddell, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Terry Martin, Patrica Barker, John Mayne, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Margaret Edgerton, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

Diary Dates:

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 29th May at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 4th June at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre., Come along and share a cuppa and a chat. **New members are most welcome.**
- **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** Tuesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Retiree's Social Group** meeting Thursday 7th June after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (**retiree's over 55 are most welcome**)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the Vigil (6.00pm), 8.00am and 9.30am weekend Masses on the 9th and 10th June.

Parish Birthday for this week:

26th: Zachery Vossen, 27th: Karen Mahanay
28th: Jack Nolan 29th: Patrick Berbari 30th: Karin Daley
31st: Rocco Belvedere

CHURCH CLEANERS ROSTER: Your cleaners rosters are ready for collection on the table at the Church entrance. Many thanks to those parishioners who are continuing with this Ministry and to the new parishioner who has joined this Ministry. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated in keeping our place of worship clean and welcoming.
Thanking you all

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

2012 MY MACARTHUR SCHOOLS CHALLENGE - \$40,000
CASH PRIZE POOL!!!!

START DATE: WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2012 .
END DATE: MONDAY 16 JULY 2012 AT 5:00 P.M.

Our school will again be participating in raising money for resources for the school. We encourage parents, students, teachers and friends of our school community to shop at Macarthur Square in order to obtain points for our school. For every \$1.00 spent at Macarthur Square, our school will receive 1 point. The top ten schools with the highest number of points at the end of the seven week period will share in a \$40,000 cash prize pool. (1st prize \$10,000, 2nd prize \$7,000, 3rd prize \$6,000, 4th prize \$5,000, 5th prize \$4,000, 6th prize \$3,000, 7th prize \$2,000, 8th prize \$1,000, 9th prize \$1,000, 10th prize \$1,000). Support our school by bringing in your receipts to the school office and placing them in the box provided **OR** presenting your receipts at the Customer Service Desk on Level 1 of Macarthur Square to have our school dollars added towards our school tally. An interactive tally board will show how our school is ranked on a daily basis.

BONUS DOUBLE UP DAYS

(Please take the docketts to the Customer Service Desk on these days to obtain the double points)

* THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2012 * SATURDAY 1 JULY 2012
*THURSDAY 12 JULY 2012

Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of Dexter from Monday **28th May** until Sunday **3rd June**. Dexter will say the Rosary on **Monday 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 JUNE 2012:

Vigil Mass: Chris and Rosalie Vine
8.00am Mass: Bill Fabry and Julie Writer
9.30am Mass: Meli Mauga and Noel Laming

COMMENTATORS for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Steve Robinson
8.00am Mass: Tim Logue
9.30am Mass: Vela Andrews

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required
8.00am Mass: Cathy Bye
9.30am Mass: Chantal Berbari

FLOWERS for next weekend: Devine Mercy Group

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 3rd June (after the 8.00am Mass) Gwen Harris, Francesca Chow and Maria Hill

Corpus Christie Procession: Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on 10th June at 2.30pm Bishop Peter will preside and preach. All welcome.

St Paul's Missals : The new Sunday and Weekday Mass Missals are now available. Orders can be placed at the Parish Office. We have arranged a special price for a bulk order of \$35 per Sunday Missal and \$65 for the Weekday Missal. To take advantage of this special price arrangement, payment with your order is required.

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School: The School is taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. These can be placed on the sticker cards. We have plenty of these cards at the entrance of the Church. Please support our Parish School to purchase more resources.

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)

Classes have commenced 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)

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Parish website www.stm.org.au can now be viewed, additional information will be added during the coming weeks. Our Parish is also on **Facebook**, (St Thomas More Catholic Church, Ruse)so please come and join us.

MISSING TEA POTS: If anyone has borrowed or knows the whereabouts of the 2 teapots that were/are kept in the Parish Hall cupboard could they please let Fr Tony know. **These belong to our Parish for Parishioners use in the Parish Hall.**

RECEIVING ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - FORMATION DAY on Saturday 9 June, 9.30am - 2.00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Varroville.

All of us are involved in initiation, whether it be offering a welcome cuppa, preparing the liturgy or sharing our faith through prayer and instruction. In one way or another we have all been welcomed and initiated into our community. **Morning tea and lunch provided. For further information and RSVP by Wed, 6 June please contact Darren McDowell at darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au or telephone 4253 0985.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Pentecost Sunday

St Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good. What gifts are mine to share?"

YEAR OF GRACE - HOW ARE JESUS AND YOU GETTING ON?

This Sunday, the Year of Grace begins across Australia, with the Australian Catholic Bishops inviting Catholics to join with them as they "start afresh from Christ." If we take the commitment of this Year seriously, it offers us a marvellous opportunity to deepen our faith. How do we participate in the Year? One way is in your prayer time, to simply ask - "Jesus, how are you and I getting on? Who am I to you, Jesus? Who are you to me, Jesus? How can I know you better, Jesus? How can you know me better, Jesus?" The Bishops are inviting us to commit with them: to pray daily, seeking the mind and heart of Jesus Christ. to repent for the areas in which we have failed, individually and together, seeking healing and renewal through the grace of Christ's forgiveness. to seek the path of holiness, cultivating the many gifts of the Spirit and seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Want to know more? Visit www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au or contact Richard McMahon on 4253 0976

CLERGY CARE COORDINATOR. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons to this permanent part-time position (two days per week) with the focus of this new role and service being to assist the Diocese to care for its aged and frail priests. **Please see noticeboard for more details.** For further information please contact Sr Moya Hanlen on (02) 4253 0967 or email moya.hanlen@woll.catholic.org.au **Candidates must address the selection criteria in their application. Expressions of interest close on Monday, 11 June 2012**

HEARING THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CALL

Each of us has been blessed by God with the gift of our life. God also blesses us with a variety of gifts in the Holy Spirit. When we offer these gifts in God's service, we experience a sense that we are truly alive, truly responding to God's call. As we mature, we recognise God invites us to a particular call which we are invited to commit to on our life's journey. Priesthood is one such call, where we are invited to live life to the full. How do we know if priesthood is what God is calling us to if we don't find out what it is about? It is much more than what we may see a priest involved in at Sunday Mass. Want to know more? Visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood> or contact priesthood@dow.org.au

Catholic Care Wollongong: presents Michael Carr-Greg Australia's highest profile child and adult psychologist will speak on topics relevant to parents including parenting challenges and mental health.. A rare opportunity not to be missed on Monday 25th June 2012 at John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow. Registrations are now open visit www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au or telephone (02) 4227 1122