

**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Year C**  
**21st April 2013**



**To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hand who run off, leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the world."**

**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."*

**DIDN'T MAKE THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOR PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER?**

For those in our Diocese wanting to engage in the regional consultation but who missed their regional gathering, a final session for anyone in the Diocese is being held on 24 April, Xavier Centre, Wollongong, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Please RSVP to Jane Edwards email [jane.edwards@dow.org.au](mailto:jane.edwards@dow.org.au) or 4222 2404.

**ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES**

**NEED TO BE RETURNED NOW PLEASE:** They can either be left at the Church or dropped into the Parish Office during office hours.

*Thanking you for supporting the good work of the Missions.*

**DO NOT BE AFRAID... I will rescue you.** Thank you for putting faith and action together by responding to the Catholic Mission Church Appeal held in our Parish last weekend. Your generosity has helped missionaries in India and across the world reach out in the name of Christ, rescuing children from horrific situations such as child trafficking, child labour and extreme poverty - helping give them hope for the future. Please consider becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a regular monthly gift to continue your support of our vital work. Call 1800 257 296 for more information or to sign up today. Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/rescue](http://catholicmission.org.au/rescue).

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013**  
(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 will begin (next Sunday) 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall and conclude week beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

*The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at a Special 11.00am Mass. More details will be given at the Preparation Classes.*

**CONFIRMATION**

(Children who are in Year 6 and above, who have been Baptised and have made the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion).

*(The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013) (More details to follow).*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Candice Walker, Ellen Healy, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Nypha Vaz, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Anthony (Dick) Smithson, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Theresa (Tessie) Henriques, Frances Ihlein, Caroline D'Mello, Christopher Torpy, Ladislav Feher, Alphonse Zammit, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Mary Writer, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Alice Harris, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, John DeVillie, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

**Parish Birthdays for this week:**

20<sup>th</sup>: Christine Charlton,  
21<sup>st</sup>: Edward Radzieta,  
24<sup>th</sup>: Richard Martin,  
25<sup>th</sup>: Trevor Stone

**Wedding Anniversary for this week:**

20<sup>th</sup>: Melanie & Kevin Webb

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community Olivia and Eliza Dacich who were Baptised last weekend and Jacqueline Dacich who received Baptism and Confirmation.

**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.

**THANKYOU:**

To the many Parishioners who help with keeping our Parish Church a place of welcoming and worship. If you have some spare time during the week and would like to help in anyway please come and talk with Fr Tony or phone on 4628 2967 or email [ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org](mailto:ruse@parish.woll.catholic.org). Any help would be beneficial for our Parish Church. *Please think seriously how you are able to help.*

**Diary Dates:**

- St Vincent de Paul Society meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- ANZAC Day 8.00am Mass this Thursday (25<sup>th</sup> April) and 11.00am Mass at Kentlyn Gardens Nursing Home

**MASS FOR YOU AT HOME:** The Catholic program "Mass For You At Home" will be broadcast throughout Australia in both city and regional areas on Channel 11 on Sunday mornings at 5.30am. The website for Mass For You At Home is <http://www.mfyah.com.au/> and the most recent Sunday Mass is available for viewing at the website at any time.

**PRIESTHOOD - GOD IS CALLING:** Look around at Mass today, look around the school, look around the neighbourhood. The next priests to inspire and support our faith communities are among you. What may stir their hearts are words of affirmation from you. If you witness young men involved in prayer and with a love for our faith and community, take a moment to thank them for their engagement, "I think you would make a good priest." When was the last time you affirmed someone in that way? For a young single man reading this, what is God whispering in your heart? Start a conversation with your local Parish Priest Fr Tony Daly on 4628 2967 or Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au).

**CATECHIST CRAFT MORNING** at CCD Resource Centre (Micah House), 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown on Thursday, 2 May, 2013 from 10.30am to 12noon. This is a chance for Catechists to meet other Catechist in the Diocese in a fun way, exchange ideas and explore the Resource Centre for things that will help in your important ministry with children. There is no cost involved and morning tea is provided. Please RSVP by Monday, 29 April to Mrs Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or email [cindy.oliver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au)

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Don't forget to take your copy home, great value for only \$2.00. Articles included this week are: ANZAC Day special with Honour Roll, Exposing the unseen wounds of war - Conversation, why a mother still clings to Anzac's cross and Cardinal Pell to advise Pope Francis plus plenty more articles.

**DIVINE MERCY:** Every Sunday the Samoan Divine Mercy prayer group begins at 1.00pm in our Parish Church. All parishioners are most welcome. For more information please phone Maria on 9603 5106 or 0404929498. If you would like to help with donations of chips and/or poppers for their visit to Reiby Detention centre for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month please leave them either in the Church kitchen or at the Parish Office during working hours.

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of Richard and Maryse for two weeks, commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. The family will be saying the Rosary on Mondays at 6.00pm.

*Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.*

**READERS FOR APRIL 2013:**

Vigil Mass: Catherine and Dominic Robinson  
9.00am Mass: Brian and Claire O'Brien  
28<sup>th</sup>: Pearce Nelson and Sarah Wright

*(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)*

**USHER'S for next weekend:**

Vigil Mass: Help required  
9am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

**FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:** Christine Gomes

**CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3:** Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, Pauline Menzies, James Munro and Carmel Munro

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to care for all that are close to us,  
to protect those who are threatened,  
to welcome those who are rejected,  
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,  
to heal those who are broken and sick,  
to share with those who have little or nothing,  
to take the time to really know one another  
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to speak for those who are voiceless,  
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,  
to work for justice for those who are exploited,  
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*John van de Laar, © 2009 Sacredise*

## Prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday



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