

5th Sunday of Lent
Year C
17th March 2013

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."

MASS ATTENDANCE:

As you are aware the Mass times for Sunday:
Vigil - Saturday at 6.00pm and
Sunday - at 9.00am.

**"Talk to God before Mass,
let God talk to you during Mass
and talk to each other after Mass".**

PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER - YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS: PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER - HAVE YOUR SAY.

Bishop Peter Ingham invites parish communities in each region to now gather and have your say about what we believe is the best way to configure ourselves to be bearers of Christ's love. Come along to consider Mass times, the number of priests, parish boundaries and support for sacramental preparation and the many ministries and services in our region.
Eastern Macarthur: Thursday 18th April, St John's Hall, Campbelltown 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Western Macarthur: Tuesday 23rd April, St Paul's Hall, Camden 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Please RSVP to Jane Edwards email jane.edwards@dow.org.au or 4222 2404 and indicate which venue you will be attending.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013
(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)

FIRST RECONCILIATION
(Children Year 3 and above)

Classes conclude week beginning Sunday 17th March.

First Rite of Reconciliation will be on Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April from 4.00pm - 5.30pm. Details will be given at the lessons.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
(Children Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation)

Parent/Carer's Information Night (Parents and Carers only)
Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm - in the Parish Church

Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 28th April and conclude week beginning Sunday 19th May.
Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 2nd June (more details to follow)

RECONCILIATION: Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on either Thursday 4th April or Friday 5th April.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Thursday 21st March 7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Week

Monday 25th March 9.00am Mass
Tuesday 26th March 9.00am Mass
Wednesday 27th March 9.00am Mass
Christm Mass 7.30pm St Francis, Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

Holy Thursday 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
Altar of Repose (after Mass) until 11.30pm (in the Parish Hall)

Good Friday 29th March

10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion of the Lord
5.00pm - 6.00pm Reconciliation
7.30pm Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Holy Saturday 30th March

11.00am - 12noon Reconciliation
4.00pm - 5.00pm Reconciliation
Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 31st March 9.00am Mass

READERS FOR EASTER

Palm Sunday 23rd/24th March

Vigil Mass:
1st Reader Louise Phillips
2nd Reader Bill George
Gospel N James Munro
(c) David Minogue

9.00am Palm Sunday Family Mass

1st Reader Jim Writer
2nd Reader Therese Writer
Gospel N Barry Daley
(c) Bev McKenzie

Holy Thursday 28th March @ 7.30pm

Commentary, explanation of oils and Prayers of Faithful - Pauline Menzies
1st Reader Rosalie Vine
2nd Reader Freda Miranda

Good Friday 29th March @ 3.00pm The Lord's Passion

1st Reader Claire O'Brien
2nd Reader Chris O'Brien
Gospel N Noel Laming
© Maryse Parisi
General Intercessions Brian O'Brien

Easter

Vigil @ 7.00pm

1st Reader Chris Vine
2nd Reader Cody Benes
3rd Reader Maria Feher

Epistle and General Intercessions Rosalie Vine

Easter Sunday @ 9.00am

1st Reader Jim Writer
2nd Reader Therese Writer

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Eva Marie Lammond** who was Baptised last weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Your donations through the Project Boxes and/or envelopes will allow Caritas Australia to reduce poverty and hunger in and around the world. They can start being returned to the Church from next weekend (Palm Sunday)

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Tina Boyd, 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:

Christopher Torpy, Ladislav Feher, Alphonse Zammit, Stephen Vaz, Sioli Salas, Robin Platt, Mary Writer, Phillip Conroy, 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:

16th: Kieran Minogue & Chris Reddy
20th: Ryan Inkster
21st: Dominic Robinson

Wedding Anniversary for this week:

16th: Barry and Karin Daley (39 years)

Diary Dates:

- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass
- **Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross (during Lent)** Friday (22nd March) from 6.30pm in the Church
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 26th March at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering on Thursday 28th March after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

"THE PROMISE", A LENTEN CONCERT on Sunday 24 March 3.00pm - 4.30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, St Andrews Rd Varroville. Please see the notice boards for more details.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish School newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

CATECHIST'S REQUIRED: Anyone who is interested in being a Catechist and has a couple of hours free on a Thursday morning between 10:20am to 1:15pm please make inquiries with Colleen on 46284717. Classes are 30 minutes only. We teach at five schools: Briar Road, Kentlyn, John Warby, Ruse and Woodland Road.

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will be on sale next Saturday and Sunday (23rd & 24th) before and after all Masses. The tickets are \$1.00 each and there are great prizes. Please help to support this fundraising raffle for our parish. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

CHURCH SURROUNDS: As you are aware the church grounds are being overrun by weeds especially in the gardens at the entrance driveway of the car park. It would be greatly appreciated if we could have help in beautifying our Church grounds for Easter.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Enrolment Applications for 2014 - are available from the School Office and are due back by 10 April 2013. Enrolment Interviews will be held with Fr Tony and Mr Paul Croker (School Principal) early in Term 2. If you have any queries in regard to 2014 Enrolment Applications please contact with the school office on 4625 6561 or email info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Hazel and Hector** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 18th March until Sunday 31st March**. The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. Parishioners are welcome to say the Rosary with the family on **Mondays at 8.00pm**. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

READERS FOR MARCH 2013:

Vigil Mass: Bill George and Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Jim and Therese Writer
(Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass:
9am Mass:

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'aiu Faamau, Leesha Bell, Lina and Tino Maugututia

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Will be after our Palm Sunday Family Mass next Sunday: Cathy Bye, Gwen Harris, Kathy Donachie, Francesca Chow and Maria Hill. If you would like to bring a plate of food to share it would be greatly appreciated.

INVITATION TO OUR PALM SUNDAY FAMILY MASS

Sunday 24th March at 9.00am.

All parishioners, past and present are invited to celebrate our Palm Sunday Family Mass followed by Morning Tea in our Parish Hall.
Come and celebrate the beginning of Holy Week and to build our Christian Community.

