

Palm Sunday
Year C
24th 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."

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.

Welcoming Message from Fr Tony

Dear Parishioners

I would like to welcome you in celebrating our Palm Sunday Family Mass today, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.

We wish that you continue the journey with our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in these sacred days from Passion (Palm) Sunday to the Supper Room (Holy Thursday) and on the road to Calvary (Good Friday), and finally to the joys of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

I thank you for joining us in prayer and celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.

God Bless
Fr Tony

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)

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 will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation on either Thursday 4th April or Friday 5th April.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Holy Week:

Monday 25th March 9.00am Mass
Tuesday 26th March 9.00am Mass
Wednesday 27th March 9.00am Mass
Chrism 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 Sunday Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 31st March 9.00am Mass

READERS FOR EASTER

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

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 SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: 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 DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Frances Ihlein (R.D.), Caroline D'Mello (R.D.), Audrey Hoare (R.D.), Mrs O'Donnell (R.D.), 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 DeVille, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

23rd: Betty Berthon & Criselda Muhm
26th: Jamie Vossen
29th: Anthony Robinson

Diary Dates:

- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 25th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 26th March at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** meet every Wednesday (during the School term) in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass
- **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School** Stations of the Cross on the School grounds this Wednesday (27th) at 10.00am (all Parishioners are welcome)
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering on Thursday 28th March after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

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 phone 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 are on sale this weekend before and after all Masses. The tickets are \$1.00 each and there are 5 great prizes. Please help to support this fundraising raffle for our parish. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

CHURCH SURROUNDS: Thank you to the men who came and mowed and started weeding our Church gardens. A continued thank you to the gentleman who looks after the flowers etc. Many hands make light work. Thank you

IF YOU KNOW OF PAST AND CURRENT PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOUSE BOUND, IN HOSPITAL OR A NURSING HOME, WHO WOULD LIKE FR TONY TO VISIT AND TO BRING HOLY COMMUNION (The Eucharist) please contact the Parish Office or let Fr Tony know so as arrangements can be made.

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.

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.

ST GREG'S ART and CRAFT COMMUNITY FAIR:

Sunday 24th March, 10am - 3pm (today!) Come and peruse the beautiful artworks, pottery and jewellery of many talented artists including feature artist Anne Horder, Norman Lindsay and Peter Fennell. Purchase a new piece for your family home or a gift. Free rides for kids including Jumping Castle, Bucking Bull and Sumo Wrestling. BBQ lunch and drinks available. Join us to watch our annual Old Boys football match. All welcome, entry is free.

"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.

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 family will be saying the Rosary on **Mondays at 5.00pm.** **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)

READERS FOR APRIL 2013:

Vigil Mass: Catherine and Dominic Robinson
9.00am Mass: (7th & 14th) Brian and Claire O'Brien (21st & 28th) Pearce Nelson and Sarah Wright
(Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Melanie and Elaine

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Will be after our Palm Sunday Family Mass today: Cathy Bye, Gwen Harris, Kathy Donachie, Francesca Chow and Maria Hill.



Palm Sunday marks the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a colt. The people waved palms to honor Jesus. In Jesus' day, people waved palms to welcome royalty. From the earliest days, Christians carried palm branches to church to remember how Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. This tradition continues to this day.

