

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2013



Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church because the day celebrates when God's people were empowered by the Holy Spirit to take the 'baton' passed on by Jesus to his followers. Pentecost is the day that the church was born. Christ was crucified, rose again, spent forty days with his disciples, then ascended to heaven. Pentecost immediately followed.

**Pentecost takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday.**

### 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 WORKING TOGETHER – BISHOP'S RESPONSE

Bishop Peter Ingham has issued a pastoral letter in response to the Parishes Working Together consultation. The letter is entitled "With the Spirit of God, Moving Together into our Future." In his introduction, Bishop Peter says: "As promised, on this Feast of Pentecost I am happy to share with you the outcome of the extensive education and consultation process, 'Parishes Working Together'. This incorporates our plans to continue together, clergy, religious and laity, to build vibrant and sustainable Church communities in the Diocese of Wollongong as we move into the future." The letter sets out a range of strategies for moving forward together with the Spirit. Copies are available for all parishes and on line. Bishop Peter notes that a full report will be made available in June.

**Please come and join us for Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall.**

**The jug is boiling.**



**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Hollie Maree Cunningham** who was Baptised last weekend.

### Parish Birthdays for this week:

18<sup>th</sup>: Chris Bartolo  
19<sup>th</sup>: Jai Radzieta

**Wedding Anniversaries for this week:**  
18<sup>th</sup>: David and Betty Wright (40 years)  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Eugene and Pauline Menzies (20 years)

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013

*(Enrolment for all Sacraments require the Presentation of a Baptism Certificate)*

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at a special 11.00am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

#### 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).*

#### SACRAMENT INFORMATION:

For the **Sacrament of Baptism** you need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. They are usually held on the first Monday of the month. You need to call in or phone the Parish Office during Office Hours for more information.

For the **anointing of the sick**, this available by phoning the Parish Office.

For the **Sacrament of Marriage**, you need to contact Fr Tony for more details.

#### 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:

Michelle McAndrew, George Pew, Gertrude Peters, Bishop William Edward Murray (Emeritus Bishop of Wollongong), Mary Writer, John Snell, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Nypha Vaz, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, 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.

#### Diary Dates:

- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Retiree's Social group** gathering in the parish hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May after the 9.00am Mass
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP – MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising raffle for our Parish. The winners were: Faye Faa mau, Dulcie Feeby, a ticket with no name and Amanda Remedy. Congratulations to all.

**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.

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Has now changed to colour. Don't forget to take your copy home, great value for **only \$2.00. Some articles of interest are:** Reject moves to kill the suffering: bishops' plea, What are friends for, if not to help? Plus many more articles even jokes.

#### MISSING PARISH HALL TEA TOWELS AND TABLECLOTHS:

Even though some have been returned we are still missing many. If you have taken them home to be washed, could you please return them ASAP. Thank you to the parishioners who have returned them and thank you to those who will return these items it is greatly appreciated.

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** Is available after the 9.00am Mass for any Religious goods eg: First Holy Communion gifts. John and Bertha would love to help you with ideas.

#### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY IN OUR PARISH:

There is an active St Vincent de Paul Society in our Parish. The conference meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month except January, in the Parish Centre at 7.45pm. Visitors or new members would always find a warm and friendly welcome and are encouraged to try our meetings, without any obligation.

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2013:** The results for our Parish were 44 envelopes with a gift donation of \$1,093.00. The parishioners as is customary have once again shown their generosity in supporting the work of mission and evangelisation in the global community and including the home mission dioceses in Australia.

#### DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC MISSION (Wollongong)

Applications are called for the above position that will be vacated by Mike Deasy at the end of June. Mike will continue with his work for Catholic Mission in the dioceses of Bathurst and Wilcannia-Forbes. A job description can be found on the diocesan website [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au). More specific questions can be directed to Walter Dinale, Catholic Mission's National HR Manager [WDinale@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:WDinale@catholicmission.org.au) or on (02) 9919 7800. **Applications close 31 May 2013.**

#### ILLAWARRA GREGORIAN CHANT FESTIVAL 2013

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Port Kembla, NSW (In conjunction with: Schola Cantorum of Brisbane) Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please see notice boards for more details.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on Feast of Corpus Christi, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. This is for all Parishes in the Macarthur Region, and therefore Bishop Peter Ingham will preside and preach. Please join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

**CATECHIST MORNING TEA.** You are warmly invited to attend a Catechist Morning tea. This is a chance for Catechists to meet other Catechists 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. No cost involved. Morning tea is provided. **Venue: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown 2560. 10.30am – 12.00 midday. Tues 11 June, 2013.** Please RSVP to Mrs Cindy Oliver by Monday 3 June 2013 on: (02) 4640 8550 or email: [cindy.oliver@dow.org.au](mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au)

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS:** This year will be celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm at the Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow. If you have been married 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage and would like to be sent an invitation for this mass please either contact the Office of the Bishop on 42222400 or our Parish Office on 4628 2967.

**THE SPIRIT IS CALLING: "YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES".** Ever thought of priesthood – remember that it is not you alone who would live this life of service. The Holy Spirit is your strength and guide. Contact either Fr Tony on 4628 2967 or Fr Richard Healey, vocations director, on 0401 621 591, [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au).

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Kay** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. The family will be saying the Rosary on **Mondays at 4.00pm.** **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

#### READERS FOR MAY 2013:

Vigil Mass: James Munro and David Minogue  
9.00am Mass: Maureen Molland and May Michelutti

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

#### READERS FOR JUNE 2013:

Vigil Mass: Steve and Nathaniel Robinson  
9.00am Mass: (2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>): Meli Mauga and Christine Foreman  
(16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>) Maria Feher and Cody Benes

#### USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required  
9am Mass: Christine Foreman

**FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:** Samoan Divine Mercy Group

**CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:** Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

**Refreshments after 9.00am Mass:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Tongan Community

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit You have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in His consolation.

*Through Christ, our Lord. Amen*

