

6th April 2014



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"

LENT 2014

Stations of the Cross: Last Friday evening next Friday for Lent at 7.30pm in the Parish Church

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 17th April:

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 18th April:

10.00am: Stations of the Cross (Church grounds weather permitting)

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 19th April:

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 20th April:

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

EASTER READERS 2014

PALM SUNDAY: 12th/13th April

Vigil Mass:

1st Reader: Bev McKenzie

2nd Reader: Julie McKenzie

Gospel/Passion: N: Phil Kenyon

O: Pam Kenyon

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

9.00am Mass:

1st Reader: Samuel Gould

2nd Reader: Maureen Molland

Gospel/Passion N: Therese Writer

O: Claire O'Brien

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

HOLY THURSDAY: 17th April 7.30pm

Commentary for Procession of Oils and Prayers of the Faithful:

Bill George

1st Reader: Pam Kenyon

2nd Reader: Phil Kenyon

GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

1st Reader: Pauline Menzies

2nd Reader: Brian O'Brien

Gospel/Passion N: Rosalie Vine

C: Chris Vine

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

General Intercessions: Chris O'Brien

EASTER SUNDAY 19th/20 April

7.00pm Vigil Mass

1st Reader: Freda Miranda

2nd Reader: Bev McKenzie

3rd Reader: Christine Foreman

Epistle and Prayers of Faithful: Maria Feher

EASTER SUNDAY 9.00am Mass

1st Reader: Therese Writer

2nd Reader: Jim Writer

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital. **Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on: 4628 2967 or speak to him in person after/before Mass to arrange a suitable visiting time.**

GLUTTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require these for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony and he will make them available for you.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sitani (Stan) Nasio (R.D.), Will Peters (brother of Fr Ron Peters), Theresa (Tessie) Henriques, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Charles Dows, Stuart Eldridge, Mary Writer, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.**

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Barry Daley, Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, Graham Wagg, Jack O'Sullivan, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

5th: Helen Rawson

6th: Leyton D'Souza

11th: Karenne Harvey

PARISH ANNIVERSARY for this week:

8th: Alicia and Miguel Martin (36 years)

EASTER RAFFLE: The Parish Ladies Group will be selling Raffle tickets before and after all Masses over the next 2 weekends. We have 7 prizes tickets are \$1.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

Please support this Parish Fundraiser.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: After today Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday 27th April (after the school holidays).

PARISH CHURCH CLEANING OF WINDOWS FOR EASTER:

Next Saturday from approximately 8.30am onwards **we are asking** the help of Parishioners/visitor's to help with the cleaning of the Church windows for Easter. As will be having many visitor's to our Parish over the Easter weekend we need to beautify our Church grounds and Church for people to worship in. It would be most appreciative if you could spare ½ hour or more. Morning tea will be provided.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS: If your need to change your details on our Parish records, there are census forms available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. The forms when completed can be given to Fr Tony, put in the collection baskets or the Parish Office.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Counter's, Church Cleaner's, Children's Liturgy, Sacristan's, Flower Arranger's, Usher's/Greeter's. If you would like more information regarding these Ministries please contact the Parish Office on 46282967. Many people have moved from our Parish and we are in short supply of helper's with these Ministries. Please think about joining one of these Ministries, this is our Church and we need your help. Thanking you in anticipation.

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL close this Thursday (10th April 2014): Forms are available at the Parish School Office. For enquiries please contact the School Office on 4625 6561.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Find out what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School, please take home a copy. They are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR: St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Campbelltown & World of Fine Theatre and Music Productions present "Jesus Christ Superstar" on 11th and 12th April at 8.00pm in the Church. Unreserved seating. Please see notice boards for more details. For bookings please phone the Parish Office on: 4625 8044

AFTERNOON FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE: Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regards fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. **WHEN: Saturday 12 April 2:00pm-5:00pm WHERE: Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe** Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9390 5290

FRENCH MASS: Next Sunday (13th April) at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown at 6.00pm.

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Sunday 13 April 2014: This is an annual event to remember the Dharawal people that perished in the Massacre of 1816. All are welcome to this annual memorial. For further information contact: Aunty Muriel Brandy 9605 4540; Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306; Sr Kerry 9605 1838 or Ann Madsen 4647 7324

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Fifth Sunday Lent



When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

Wednesday 4th June: Parent/Carer's Information night for **Confirmation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 6 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) **7.30pm in the Parish Church: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Celebrated on Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm.**

Wednesday 6th August: Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation) **7.30pm in the Parish Church: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be Celebrated on the weekend of 13th /14th September.**

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

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Catherine and Steven* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 31st March to Sunday 13th April.** The family will be saying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 7.00pm.** The address is on the main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

When you pray the Rosary in your home you are still a community at prayer. Have you considered celebrating praying the Rosary at home and inviting other parishioners to share this special time with you? Those interested in having the Rosary Statue (and/or would like more details) can contact the parish office on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable time you and your family would like to have our Parish Rosary Statue in your home.

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Monday 7th April:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 8th April:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
- **Wednesday 9th April:** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 10th:** Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome (come along for a good laugh and chat) in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 10th April:** 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 7.30pm
- **Friday 11th:** 9.30am Mass – Catechist Commissioning Mass followed by meeting in the Parish Hall

Prayer for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.