

4TH May 2014



3rd Sunday of Easter

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"

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

Wednesday 4th June: 7.30pm in the Parish Church:

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). **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Celebrated on Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm.**

Wednesday 6th August: 7.30pm in the Parish Church:

Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be Celebrated on the weekend of 13th /14th September.

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

Hubertina (Tina) Van Der Burg, Mary Writer, Sitani (Stan) Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Charles Dows, Stuart Eldridge, 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, Marie Moore, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

5th: Gwen Harris, Brittney and Courtney D'Souza
6th: Megan Mahanay (18) and Joe D'Souza

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Brayden John Rengger** who was Baptised last weekend.

PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE: The Parish Ladies Group will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each, please support this parish fundraiser. **Thanking the Parishioners and visitors to our Parish who supported our Easter Raffle.**

PROJECT COMPASSION (reminder): The Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes need to be returned ASAP. They can be put into the collection baskets at Mass, given to Fr Tony or handed in to the Parish Office during Office hours. Thanking you all in anticipation.

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.

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.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please take a copy home and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Primary School. They are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY returns today (from the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass): This is for school aged children in kindergarten to and including Year 6.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: St Andrews Rd, Varroville, **Weekend Retreat 9-11 May** - "The Wound of Love". To be led by: Fr Paul Maunder OCD. An exposition of St John of the Cross' poem "The Spiritual Canticle" which treats of the soul wounded by the love of God going out from all things to find him in the night of faith. For bookings and/or more information please contact the office on: 8795 3400.

WHAT PATH ARE YOU ON? Jesus shows us the path of life. If your path seems to be leading to dead ends, perhaps God is inviting you to take a new vocation. Priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, single life, marriage are all life giving pathways. It is never too early or late in life to consider God's path for you. Find out more. Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

DISCOVERING MY PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP
Monday 26 May 9:30-3:30 Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St Wollongong

Developing our personal spirituality can assist us greatly in tackling the joys and sorrows, options and decisions we face in our lives. This workshop, facilitated by Carmen Karauda from CatholicCare will explore questions such as: What is spirituality? Are spirituality and religion the same? How do I experience my own spirituality? What does spirituality offer? What gives me meaning and purpose in my life? These are some of the questions we will explore together in this spirituality workshop. Cost by donation and lunch is provided. RSVP essential to **Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515 carmenk@catholiccare.dow.org.au**

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: Over the Sunday's of this year we will be listening to Matthew's Gospel. Like each of the gospels, Matthew presents Jesus in his own unique way. Jesus is the one who fulfills 'the law and the prophets', he is the Messiah of Israel, the king and savior of the world. He comes before us as the teacher & lawgiver, greater even than Moses. And of course he is pre-sented as the son of man giving his life for us all.

Over the course of 2014 Darren McDowell will be offering a series of 'stand alone' sessions exploring the rich themes found in this gospel. **Our parish will be hosting a session on Friday 30th May from 9.45am-1.00pm in our Parish Hall. To register (by Monday 26th May) please contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au facebook.com/cfldow Twitter: @CFLDOW**

THE JOURNEY - CATHOLIC RADIO

'The Journey' is the Diocese's weekly Catholic Radio Program. Hear the show Sundays from 11am on Pulse 94.1FM in the Illawarra, or live streaming at pulse941.com.au. You can also listen at any time from the Diocesan website at radio.dow.org.au or find us on Facebook.

FRENCH MASS: At St John the Evangelist, cnr Lyndesay and Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown. Sunday 11 May 2014 at 6:00pm,

MT CARMEL PARISH COMMUNITY MARKET:

When: Sunday, 18th May, 2014, **Time:** 9am-12pm
Address: At the Church Grounds, St Andrews Rd, Varroville (Behind the Mount Carmel High School grounds). Your invited to Mt Carmel Church! Held within the church grounds (or in the hall as an indoor market in the event of rainy weather), the stalls include beauty, bric a brac, religious items, cakes, toys, jewellery, hair accessories, books and much more. There will be morning tea, a sausage sizzle and, many stalls. From 9am - 12pm, everyone is welcome!!!

The Grail Prayer

*Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all people.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.*



PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Richard and Maryse** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 28th April to Sunday 11th May.** The family will be praying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 6.00pm.** 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.

READER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: 10th/17th: **James Munro and Bill George**

9.00am Mass: 11th/18th: **Chris O'Brien and Meli Mauga**

(Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of Intercession)

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 2: **Cathy Bye, Eugene Wasko, Kathy Donachie and Barry Daley**

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK:

Christine Gomes

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: **Maureen Molland**
9.00am Mass: **Christine Foreman**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 18th May: **St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Year 4 parents/carers, Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Colleen Jablonskis, Maria Hill and Gwen Harris**

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Monday 5th May:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 5th May:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 8th May:** Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome (come along for a cuppa, good laugh and chat)in the Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 13th May:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
Wednesday 14th May: Parish Finance Council meeting At 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 20th May:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

