

11TH May 2014



4th 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.*

BELATED PARISH BIRTHDAY for last week:
9th: *Feyise Writer*

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:
13th: *Elaine Nakasenh and Bertha Berbari*
16th: *Matthew Cross*

BELATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for last week:
7th: *Margaret and Colin Davis (50 years)*

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:
12th: *Freda and Wilfred Miranda (51 years)*
13th: *Christina and Junior Faamau (7 years)*

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, Margo Haines, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

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.
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love

May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.

READER'S ROSTER: The current reader's roster expires at the end of July. If you are a current reader, have been a reader in the past or would like to become a reader, please put your name and preferred Mass time on the clipboard at the back of the Church. The Saturday Vigil always needs more volunteers and it is a very rewarding ministry. If you need some guidance there will be a workshop organized at a later date and a copy of a reading can always be made available for practice. Many thanks to our current readers and we look forward to seeing some new faces.
Julie

GLUTTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require these for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony before Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Matilda Flynn Harley* who was Baptised last weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION (reminder): Thank you to the Parishioners who supported this Mission Appeal. This will help in aiding the Missions here in Australia and overseas.

PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE: The Parish Ladies Group would like to thank the Parishioners and Visitors who supported this Parish Fundraising Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at today's 9.00am Mass and the winners will be in next weekend's bulletin.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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*

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: You are invited next Sunday, 18th May, 2014, at 9am-12pm. At the Church Grounds, St Andrews Rd, Varroville (Behind the Mount Carmel High School 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!!!

PARISH SECRETARY: Rosemeadow parish is seeking the services of a professional secretary for 3 days (21 hours) per week - Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 4.00pm. The position involves a number of computer skills within MS Office 2007. Other specific church-based software - PACS (database) would need to be learnt, as well as SAGE (financial). The position involves versatility and adaptability, excellent communication skills, composure under pressure, high level of energy and initiative, self-motivation. The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life. If interested, please contact Mrs van Leerdam on 0409 901 204 or email frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au for an information pack with full details and conditions. Applications close 23 May 2014.

Parish Diary Dates:

- **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
- **Thursday 22nd 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

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Joe and Christine* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 12th May to Sunday 25th May.** The family will be praying 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.

READER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: 17th: *James Munro*
24th/31st: *Julie and Bev McKenzie*

9.00am Mass: 18th: *St Thomas More Catholic Primary School - Year 4 students*
25th/1st June: *Rosalie and Chris Vine*

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

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3:
Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK: Francesca

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: *Vicky Horne*
9.00am Mass: *Cathy Bye*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Next Sunday 18th May: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Year 4 parents/carer's, Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Colleen Jablonskis and Maria Hill.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*God our creator,
we come before You
and lift up in prayer all mothers,
grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers to
be who gave the gift of life.
We give you thanks for their presence,
talents and gifts which they share in our
church, society and world.
May all mothers know of Your loving
and gentle presence
and may they always turn towards You
in times of joy, sorrow and glory.
We ask this in Your Name.*



