

18<sup>TH</sup> May 2014



### 5th 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"*



*We would like to welcome especially Visitor's and the students of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School especially Year 4 and their families to our Sunday morning Mass.*

*Everyone is welcome join our Parish family in the Hall to share refreshments after the 9.00am Mass*

**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.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY:** Is for school aged children in kindergarten to and including Year 6.(during the 9.00am Mass). This will not be on today.

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: 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. Gertrude Peters (Anniv), George Pew (Anniv), 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.*

**READERS' 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

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community *Indianna Emily Nakasenh* who was Baptised last weekend.

#### PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

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

#### PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:

18<sup>th</sup>: *David and Betty Wright (41 years)*  
22<sup>nd</sup>: *Eugene and Pauline Menzies (21 years)*

**PARISH LADIES' MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** The Parish Ladies Group would like to thank the Parishioners and Visitors who supported this Parish Fundraising Raffle. Congratulations to the following winners: *Noelle, S Michelutti, Sylvia Lawson and Elwyn Spencer.*

**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. *The School is asking for help in maintaining the School gardens, if you have any free time your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For details please contact the School Office on: 4625 6561*

**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 30<sup>th</sup> May from 9.45am-1.00pm in our Parish Hall. To register (by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May) please contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au facebook.com/cfldow Twitter: @CFLDOW*

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL:** Our Parish will be having this Annual Catholic Mission Appeal next weekend at all the Masses. This year we are invited to support the Church's inspirational work to heal the broken-hearted in Rwanda following the horrific 1994 genocide. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously. *Freecall: 1800 257 296*

**MT CARMEL PARISH COMMUNITY MARKET:** You are invited today (Sunday, 18th May) at 9am-12pm. At the Church Grounds, St Andrews Rd, Varroville (Behind the Mt Carmel High School grounds), or in the hall as an indoor market in the event of rainy weather. There are many stalls, morning tea, a sausage sizzle plus much more. From 9am - 12pm, everyone is most 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](mailto:frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au) for an information pack with full details and conditions. Applications close 23 May 2014.

#### ST VINCENT de PAUL - UPCOMING WINTER APPEAL:

*Sundays 8 June to 29 June 2014.* Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society will once again be conducting a Winter Appeal in the Parish from This year we will again be appealing for **cash and food.**

Winter is an especially hard time for the needy and homeless in our community. There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass on each of these weekends, if people prefer to make a cash donation. Simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. There will also be envelopes at the back of the church for the remainder of Winter 2014. We are again also collecting food for the Nagle Centre, where homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area can receive filling meals. It is a service that is vital to our community and any food donations will be gratefully accepted. The Centre specifically needs donations of: Tinned tuna, Spaghetti, baked beans, and fruit, Milk powder, Custard powder Hot chocolate, Plain flour, Self raising flour, Beef stock cubes Any herbs & spices. Nappies are also a necessity and would be welcome as would be new blankets and socks. There will be boxes at the back of the church on the Appeal weekends of 8 June to 29 June, where you may place donations. If able, please think of these items when next out grocery shopping.

*We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.  
St Vincent de Paul Society*

#### DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm.*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September*

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF FR JOHN THERRY Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014** Fr John Therry was a Pioneer Chaplain to the Colony of New South Wales from 1820 and resident priest in Campbelltown from 1835-1838. Fr Therry's cottage, where he stayed when in Campbelltown, is now located in the grounds of Bethlehem Monastery, 170 Narellan Road, Campbelltown and will be open for viewing following the 9am Mass from 10-12-am and 2:30-4:30pm on Sunday 25 May 2014.

#### Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> May:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

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

#### EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION:

**Vigil Mass:** 24<sup>th</sup> May: *Bev McKenzie*  
**9.00am Mass:** 25<sup>th</sup> May: *Catherine Minogue and Freda Miranda*  
**Vigil Mass:** 31<sup>st</sup> May: *Bertha Barbari*  
**9.00am Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> June: *Freda Miranda and KARENNE HARVEY*

#### READERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Vigil Mass:** 24<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>: *Julie and Bev McKenzie*

**9.00am Mass:** 25<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> June: *Rosalie and Chris Vine*

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:** Group 4: *Maureen Molland, Faaiu Faamau, HELP REQUIRED*

**FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK:** Maree

#### USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Vigil Mass:** *Help required*  
**9.00am Mass:** *Brian and Gwen Harris*

