

13th April 2014



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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

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

LOCAL PARISH 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday 14th April: 7.30pm St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown

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, 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:

12th: Caleb McMurray

16th: Michael Bye

PARISH ANNIVERSARY for this week:

14th: Elaine & John Nakasenh (7 years)

14th: Helen & Robert Rawson (41 years)

16th: Carmel & Chris Bartolo (26 years)

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES:

Need to be returned as soon as possible. They can either be dropped into the Parish Office (during Office Hours) or on the collection plates ASAP.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CATECHIST

TEACHER'S who were Commissioned for the year 2014 at the 9.30am Mass on Friday 11th April: Fr Tony Daly, Colleen Jablonskis, Hector Bernardino, Elizabeth Wasko, Gwen Harris, Judy Barker, Hedy Toth and Carmel Munro. Maria Byron, Mike Young and Rosemary De Kauwe will be Commissioned at a date to be arranged.

EASTER RAFFLE: The Parish Ladies Group are selling Raffle tickets before and after all Masses this weekend. 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: Will return on Sunday 27th April at the 9.00am Mass.

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.

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

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to lift the voices of the poor and promote the dignity of each person, regardless of ethnicity, religion or cultural beliefs. **Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your support ensures that together we are walking alongside Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the world.**

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

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Today, 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

CHRISM MASS: Parishioners are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong this coming Wednesday (16th April) at 7.30pm

JOURNEY – AUTUMN 2014 Edition: A copy is available for all parishioners to take home and read. They are available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Some articles that are of interest are: "What does the Cross mean to you and me?", "Tips for praying as a family", "Keeping kids in mind after family separation" plus many more articles.

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.**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Jeff and Marian** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 14th April to Sunday 27th 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 Church Flowers for next weekend (Easter):
Loosa Nasio

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 6:
Tongan Community

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 22nd April:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
- **Thursday 24th:** 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

HOLY WEEK

Embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the paschal Mystery.

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts. Vatican 11, SC 110

PRAYER

**All-loving God,
Open me to the greatness of desiring you with my whole heart.
Give me the courage to stay with you in joy and in sorrow that
Each day may bring me to a fuller "newness of life."
I pray with confidence, in Jesus' name. Amen**



