

2nd SUNDAY of the EASTER
(Divine Mercy)
Year B
12th April 2015



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"

Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have a ramps going into the Church and going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know. "Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40"

Fr Tony's Easter Message

*May the risen Christ
Fill your hearts with joy
Bring you new hope
And bless you with peace. Amen.
God Bless*

THANK YOU:

To the many Parish Ministries in preparing our Parish Church and Grounds in readiness for the Easter Celebrations. The gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciative of the many Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish Church during this Special Time

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

DO YOU KNOW 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 (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

CAN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE either to be placed in the Collection Baskets at Mass or left at the Parish Office during Office Hours. Thanking you in anticipation. *Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.*

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2015 appeal.**
1800 024 413 www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Amy Jablonskis, Danielle Hargreaves (nee Writer), Kathy Thomas, Karenne Harvey, Paul Riddell, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Michael Burns, Tessie Henriques, Fr Maurice Rosa, Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Sr Mary Picone, Josephine McKay, Beryl Ahsam, Donald McKinnon, Norma Sheehy, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Mary Writer, Stuart Eldridge, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.*

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Thank you to the Parishioners and visitors who supported this Parish fundraiser. The winners were: Annette Read, Fr Tony Daly, Gwen Harris, Les Patterson, Elizabeth B, Elizabeth Wasko and Steve Noyce. Congratulations to you all.

CLAIM THE DATE: The Parish Ladies Group would like to invite all Ladies over the age of 18 to keep Sunday 24th May free from 12noon to 2.00pm.

Parishioners Birthdays for this week:

11th: Karenne Harvey
12th: Caleb McMurray
16th: Michael Bye
Parishioners Wedding Anniversaries for this week:
14th: Elaine and John Nakasenh (8 years)
14th: Helen and Bob Rawson (42 years)
16th: Carmel and Chris Bartolo (27 years)

CALLING ALL SELF EMPLOYED PARISHIONERS/VISITORS:

Why not support Parish finances in a tax effective way? Depending on your personal circumstances and taxation advice, you could benefit your business and support the work of the Parish, by placing an advertisement in the Parish Bulletin. The cost is only \$275.00 (includes \$25.00 GST) (per business card size or \$550.00 (includes \$50.00 GST) for double business card size) add per year to promote your business among friends. Simply call the Parish Office during business hours on 46282967 or place your contact details on the clipboard at the rear of the Church, and you will be contacted shortly."

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME 9.30 – 11.30am Tuesdays in our Parish Hall during school terms. Attention Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, everyone welcome. If you have children including under School age children and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2015:

Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Church: Parent/Guardian Information and Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion (for candidates in Year 3 and above and who have made their First Reconciliation).
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June 2015. More details will be available at the Information/Enrolment Evening
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11th September 2015. Candidates have to be in Year 6 and above and have to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. More details to come regarding the Information/Enrolment Evening for Confirmation.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS: If you need to change your details ton our Parish records, there are Census forms available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.
The forms when completed can be give either 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, Flower Arranger's, Usher's/Greeters. If you would like more information on these Parish Ministries please either speak with Fr Tony of phone the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please think about joining one of these Parish Ministries, this is our Church and we need your help. Thanking you in anticipation.

WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY Sunday 19 April 2015: Cataract Dam picnic area, Appin 12pm to 3:30pm (free sausage sizzle lunch) All are welcome to this annual memorial for the Dharawal people who perished in the massacre of 1816. For further information contact: Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306; Sr Kerry 9605 1838; Ann Madsen 0402 138 517 or Pete Jones 0408 826 997

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: Six day directed retreat A silent retreat with a spiritual director to accompany you. When: April 27 – May 3, Presenter: Team of Directors Cost: \$660 (concessions apply) Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 Contact: 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Christian Community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Brian and Tresora* (the address is on the main notice board in the Church). If you would like to join the family, *Bev* will be praying the Rosary on **Tuesday** at **7.00pm**.

If you would like to have the Rosary Statue in your home please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 13th April: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than welcome
Tuesday 14th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than welcome
Wednesday 15th April: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre
Tuesday 21st April: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall
Thursday 23rd April: 9.30am Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laugh and a cuppa etc.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: 18th April: James Munro and Bertha Barbari 9.00am Mass: 19th April: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 25th April: Trish Newman & Winnie Cameron 9.00am Mass: 26th April: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th April: Bev and Julie McKenzie 9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th April: Samoan Divine Mercy
Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th April: James Munro and May Michelutti 9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th April: Olivia Joachim and Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS
Saturday 18th April: Group 1: Syro- Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 25th April: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 18th April: Vicky Horne 9.00am Mass: Sunday 19th April: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th April: Maureen Molland 9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th April: Barry Daley

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Saturday 18th April: Melanie and Elaine
Saturday 25th April: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM SUNDAY MORNING MASS: Sunday 19th April: Group 3: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis and Gwen Harris.

