



3rd SUNDAY of the EASTER
Year B
19th 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"

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.*

 We welcome back our Parish School Children for Term 2. We wish them well in their studies.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SUNDAY 9.00AM MORNING MASS:
All Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come over to the Parish Hall and share a cuppa and a chat after the 9.00am Mass today.



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 MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets will be on sale at all Masses for the next 2 weekends. \$1.00 per ticket and there are 6 great prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the Sunday 9.00am Mass on Mother's Day (Sunday 10th May). Please support this Parish Fundraiser.

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 2.30pm. You will be receiving your invitations over the coming weeks.

Parishioners Birthdays for this week:
21st April: Edward Radzieta
23rd April: Christine Charlton
24th April: Richard Martin
Parishioners Wedding Anniversaries for this week:
20th April: Melanie and Kevin Webb (24years)

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 (Returns this Tuesday) 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 7.00pm 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 to our Parish records, there are Census forms available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.
The forms when completed can be, 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.

NEW PARISH CHOIR: If you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry please contact Dexter on: 0431990639. Music enhances the Liturgy of the Church.

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 (Today) 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

Synod on the Family
Ideally, the faith is taught in the home, nurtured in the school, and celebrated in the parish. But the skew has changed. Sadly, in many of our families there is no formal prayer, not even grace at meals. Children may never see their parents actually praying; parents may not know that they can bless their children; or that the teaching of prayers to their children is their call. Our homes possibly do not possess a Bible and often have no religious images to lift the heart and mind to God and identify the home as a Catholic one. Hence it seems that the Church will not be born again until reborn in the family.

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, *Brian and Tresora* 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:
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.
Tuesday 28th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome.
Wednesday 29th April: 7.00pm First Holy Communion Information/ enrolment evening (See notices for more details)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th April: Trish Newman & Winnie Cameron
9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th April: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read
Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd May: Louise Phillips and Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd May: Faye Faamau and Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th April: James Munro and May Michelutti
9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th April: Olivia Joachim and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd May: James Munro and May Michelutti
9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd May: Noel Laming and Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS
Saturday 25th April: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 2nd May: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'aiu Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 25th April: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 26th April: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd May: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd May: Brian and Gwen Harris

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Saturday 25th April: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 2nd May: Julie Writer

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

