

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Year B
8th March 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 ramp going into the Church and one 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.



The Parishioners of our Parish would like to welcome **Father John Franzmann**, who will be Celebrating Masses at our Parish this weekend whilst Fr Tony is on Annual Leave.

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2015** and help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life. Either contact: www.caritas.org.au or 1800 024 413 or take home a Project Compassion Box or set of envelopes. They are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

LENT TIMETABLE 2015

Stations of the Cross are being held 7.30pm every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 2nd April:

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Then Altar of Repose till 11.30pm

Friday 3rd April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 4th April: HOLY SATURDAY

7.00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 5th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

READERS' ROSTER – EASTER 2015

Palm Sunday: 28th/29th March:

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: 1st Reader: Bill George

2nd Reader and Prayers of Intercession: Andrew James

Gospel/Passion N: Bev McKenzie

O: Julie McKenzie

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

9.00am Mass:

1st Reader: Christine Foreman

2nd Reader and Prayers of Intercession:

Maureen Molland

Gospel/Passion N: Agnes Sevatu

O: Barry Daley

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (2nd April)

Commentary for Procession of Oils: Maria Feher

1st Reader: Brian O'Brien

2nd Reader: Maureen Molland

(no Creed, Prayers of Intercession after the Washing of the Feet)

Good Friday: 3rd April:

10.00am: Stations of the Cross (St Thomas More Catholic Primary School and Parish Children)

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord:

1st Reader: James Munro

2nd Reader: Carmel Munro

Gospel/Passion: N: Andrew James

O: Chris O'Brien

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

General Intercessions: Pauline Menzies

Easter Vigil 7.00pm Mass: 4th April:

1st Reader: Bev McKenzie

2nd Reader: Maria Feher

3rd Reader: Agnes Sevatu

Epistle and Prayers of Intercession: May Michelutti

Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass: 5th April:

1st Reader: Jim Writer

2nd Reader and Prayers of Intercession: Christine Foreman

PARISH LADIES GROUP: The Parish Ladies Group held their Annual Election at their February Meeting: **President:** Cathy Bye, **Secretary:** Rita Jowsey, **Treasurer:** Gwen Harris and **Publicity Officer:** Carmel Munro. Congratulations to these ladies and thank you to the outgoing Committee.

The Parish Ladies Group would like to thank everyone who has supported their Fundraising Raffles. All monies go back into the Church to help with maintenance or for purchases for our Parish Church eg: window tinting **THANKYOU**

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale on the weekends of 21/22 and 28/29 March. There are 6 prizes. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Please support this Parish Fundraiser.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is held during the School Terms at the 9.00am Mass. This is for children in Kindergarten up to and including Year 6. If you would like to be a Teacher/and or helper please phone the Parish Office on: 4628 2967 for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to the teachers who are giving their time and talents in preparing the Candidates for this Sacrament. *You are greatly appreciated*

Birthdays for this week:

9th March: Robert Rawson and Brian Wyer

10th March: Kerry Hennessy and Betty Wright

14th March: Nathan Bartolo and Damien Bartolo

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Danielle Hargreaves (nee Writer), Kathy Thomas, 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.

Nathan Bethally (R.D.), Ell Garcia, Sr Mary Picone, Josephine McKay, Beryl Ahsam, Donald McKinnon, Norma Sheehy, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Mary Writer, 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.

THIS 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.

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**

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016: Applications are now available from the School Office. Enrolments are being accepted until 3 April 2015. Enrolment interviews will take place in May.

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY OF LOSS & GRIEF Wed.25 March 9:00am-3:30pm Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St **Campbelltown**. For details contact Carmen Karauda Carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au on 4640 8515 or and **registration essential to** Helen 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

ST TERESA'S FIFTH CENTENARY CONCERT - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Church Varroville Saturday 28 March. The celebrations begin with Mass at 10.00 with Bishop Peter Ingham. For more information see www.teresa500.org.au and www.olmcvarroville.org.au or contact Parish Office on 9693 73737 or nellalucestudio@hotmail.com

ST PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Temporary Part Time (minimum 10 hpw) to the end of 2015 school year. At our Catholic Primary School (however, may be required to work at other schools from time-to-time). CatholicCare has been engaged to administer pastoral support services to a number of Catholic primary schools in the Diocese under the provisions of the National School Chaplaincy Program. Specific enquiries regarding the position should be directed to Grant Dodds, Pastoral Support Coordinator on 0408 024 743.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Bev (the address is on the main notice board in the Church). Bev will be praying the Rosary n this Monday at 4.00pm if you would like to join the family.

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

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 10th March: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre. New members are most welcome.

Thursday 12th March: 9.30am Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laughs and a cuppa etc.

Thursday 17th March: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 14th March: Winnie Cameron and James Munro

9.00am Mass: 15th March: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer

Vigil Mass: 21st March: Trish Newman and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: 22nd March: Fay and Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: 14th March: Chris O'Brien and Brian O'Brien

9.00am Mass: 15th March: Jim Writer and Tess Writer

Vigil Mass: 21st March: Chris O'Brien Brian O'Brien

9.00am Mass: 22nd March: Jim Writer and Tess Writer

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 14th March: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 21st March: Group 1: Syro- Malabar Indian Community

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 14th March: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: 15th March: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

Vigil Mass: 21st March: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: 22nd March: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS: 15th

MARCH: Group 2: Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Hedy Toth.

