

The ASCENSION of the LORD  
Year B  
17th May 2015



Ascension  
Sunday

**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 ramps going into the Church and 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please keep in in your prayers the 56 Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these Candidates.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00am Mass**



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the following Parishioners who were Baptised recently: *Isaac Christopher Fairhall, Jasper William Perriotte and Mikayla Maree Mooney.*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To *Dylan Hart-Dickson* who was Received into the Catholic Church last weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Adde Liban, Brian Harris, Chris Noyce, Maree Laming, Ethan Craig, Amy Jablonskis, Karenne Harvey, 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, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Donagh Keane, George Pew, Gertrude Peters, Paul Riddell, Mary Writer, Michael Burns, Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, 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.*

**Parishioners Birthdays for this week:**

18<sup>th</sup> May: Chris Bartolo  
19<sup>th</sup> May: Jai Radzieta  
20<sup>th</sup> May: Jerry Jones

**Parishioners Anniversaries for this week:**

18<sup>th</sup> May: Betty and David Wright (42 years)  
22<sup>nd</sup> May: Pauline and Eugene Menzies (22 years)

**PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

**WINNER'S:** Congratulations to the following winners:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Yvonne Reddy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jenny Forest,  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Maree Laming, 4<sup>th</sup>: Karen Mahanay,  
5<sup>th</sup>: Berryl Purcell and 6<sup>th</sup>: Wally Vaz.  
*Thank you for supporting this Parish Fundraiser.*

**PARISH LADIES HIGH TEA (next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 12noon – 2.30pm):** Reminder to the ladies who will be attending our Parish High Tea (Ladies over 18) and haven't RSVP'D, please do so by this Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> May). A great afternoon is promised. Either put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the back of the Church or Phone the Parish Office: 4628 2967.

**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**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Parish Pastoral Council:**

If you are interested in being a member of our Parish Pastoral Council please speak with Father Tony. *The Parish Pastoral Council share the responsibility for building a vibrant community that is embedded in the Eucharist and built on faith, hope and charity. The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Parish Priest meeting once a month. Members normally hold office for 2 years.*

**FOR READERS:** The current Readers' Roster ends in July. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church and you will have the opportunity to have your name on the new roster. If you have previously been on the roster, or if you have been considering joining this Ministry please add your name to the list (clipboard on the table at the main entrance of the Church). I congratulate the young people on our current roster who read so well and invite anyone in Year 5 or over who wishes to read, please add your name to the list too. There will be a Readers' workshop held when the new roster goes out and if you haven't already been to one I look forward to meeting you there. *Many thanks Julie*

**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

**ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:**

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is running the usual Winter Appeal up until 14 June 2015, seeking donations of cash and/or food. There are envelopes on the seats at Mass on each weekend during the Appeal, if you prefer to make a cash or credit card donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. Importantly, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provide warm meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area. The Centre's needs include: Tinned tuna/ meat, Tinned spaghetti/ baked beans, Tinned soup/ meals, Tinned fruit, Milk powder/ condensed milk, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder Hot chocolate/ Milo, Tea/ coffee/ cordial, Plain and self-raising Flour, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, Beef stock cubes and any herbs & spices. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks. If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. There will be baskets at the back of the church at each Mass until 14 June 2015.  
*We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.*

**THANK YOU:** To the Parishioner who gave their time in cleaning all the cupboards in the Kitchen in the Parish Hall – your time and energy was greatly appreciated.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Parishioners and visitors please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter and see what is happening.

**MARY MACKILLOP PLACE OPEN DAY 24/5/2015**

7 – 11 Mount Street, North Sydney - 10am - 4pm  
**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR 20TH BIRTHDAY!**

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:** From 3-5 December 2015 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide.** This event is for those from Year 9 through to 25 years of age, and is an excellent opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. For more information, please contact Seth Harsh at the Youth Office on 02 4222 2460 or email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of *Glen and Anna Fernandez.* The Family **will be praying the Rosary on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, Monday evenings at 7.30pm.** The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.  
*If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659*

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** from **9.30am** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome)  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: 7.00pm** Choir Practice in the Church all singers are encouraged to attend (*new members are most welcome*)  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome.

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Bertha Barbari and Winnie Cameron**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Catherine Minogue and Annette Read**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Louise Phillips and Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Karenne Harvey and Julie Writer**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Robinson Family**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Robinson Family**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Group 6: Nasio Family**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko, and Kathy Donachie**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Barry Daley**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Help needed**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Brian & Gwen Harris**

**CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR WEEKEND:**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Melanie Webb and Elaine Hoffman**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.*

