

5th Sunday of Lent
Year B
25th March 2012

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."

WELCOME: Our parish community warmly welcomes all visitors, and previous parishioners returning to the family home who are joining us over this weekend. Thank you for enriching our community with your presence.

PRAYER CARDS FOR THE NEW ORDER OF MASS (at the main entrance of the Church): Are available for use for you to follow especially the new words of the Gloria, the Nicene Creed, Apostles Creed and the Holy, Holy (Sanctus). It is anticipated that the new Personal Missals will be available with the next 12 months (2013). In the mean time please follow the prayer cards and/or the Powerpoint presentation to assist you with the new Translation of the Mass.

Lent

Stations of the Cross will be every **Thursday** during Lent at 7.30pm in the Church

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year (CCL97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Don't forget to take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent. Your donations will allow Caritas Australia to reduce poverty and hunger in more than 35 countries around the world.

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Thursday 29th March 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Saturday 31st March Palm Sunday at 6.00pm
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday at 9.00am (1 Mass only)

Parish Birthdays for this week:

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012
(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)

First Holy Communion

(Children Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation)

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only)
 Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 6th May at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 27th May.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm- Parish Church.
 Practice – Friday 8th June at 5.00pm – Parish Church
Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Weekend Masses 9/10th June (6.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am)

Confirmation

(Children Year 6 and above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only)
 Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 5th August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26th August.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Thursday 30th August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.
Confirmation Practice Friday 7th September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday 8th September (Mass time to be advised)

2012 LENTEN PROGRAMME... "Living Faith". We have 3 copies of this book available for \$6.60 each. Please see Fr Tony if you would like to purchase a copy. They are also available from the Parish Office.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2013: Application forms are now available from the School Office. For enquiries please phone the School on 4625 6561.

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale shortly for \$1.00 each for our Parish Easter Raffle. There will be 3 prizes.

PARISH LADIES HIGH TEA: The Parish Ladies Group have arranged to have a High Tea at Ridges (Campbelltown Catholic Club) to celebrate Mother's Day. This will be on Sunday 6th May from 11.30am onwards. The cost is \$40.00 per head and the payment has to be finalised by Sunday 29th April. If you would like to come along and bring your friends please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church.

Come on Ladies come and enjoy being "waited" on.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will continue the remaining Sundays of Lent (25th March and 1st April) beginning at 3.00pm at the Franciscans Maryfields (opposite the Uni campus).

All Parishioners are most welcome

WIN \$5000 CASH - St Vincent de Paul Raffle

For the next couple of weeks St Vincent de Paul members will be selling raffle tickets before and after Mass.
 1st Prize - \$5000 Cash
 2nd Prize - Couples weekend package (night in the city)
 3rd Prize - Family fun pack
 Tickets are \$2 each OR 3 tickets for \$5 OR \$20 a book of 15 tickets. To be drawn 23 April 2012.
 Please help support this worthy cause.

CHURCH SURROUNDS

The lawns are still growing like crazy. Any help any time in keeping them under control would be much appreciated (This is a repeat as we need your help)



The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of from Monday 26th March until Sunday 1st April. The family will say the Rosary at 7.00pm. Please see main notice board for the address details. **Pray the powerful prayer – "The Rosary" with the family and receive many blessings.** Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.

READERS FOR MASS FOR APRIL 2012:

Vigil Mass: Catherine & Steve Robinson
8.00am Mass: Julie Writer & Barry Daley
9.30am Mass: Pesio Aiga & Chantal Barbari

COMMENTATOR'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass:
8.00am Mass:
9.30am Mass:

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass:
8.00am Mass:
9.30am Mass:

CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend: Group 6:

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 15th April (after the 9.30am Mass) Maureen Molland, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Christine Goodall and Pauline Menzies.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jim Writer, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Elaine Hoffmann, Maree Laming, Marcia Davis, Ginny Pereira, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Minna Innes, Joan McInerney, Maurie Murphy, Fiona Carson, Kathy Pontin, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Rodriques and Vaz families, Ladislav Feher, Margaret Edgerton, Mary Writer, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, L. Abreo, Lina Pereira, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

Diary Dates:

- **Stations of the Cross** Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Church
- **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 27th March at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Parish Finance Council meeting** Wednesday 28th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group meeting** Thursday 29th after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (retiree's over 55 are most welcome)
- **2nd Rite of Reconciliation (for Easter)** Thursday 29th March at 7.30pm in the Church

