

Easter Sunday
Sunday of the Resurrection
Year C
31st March 2013



EASTER TIME: The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday' (Athanasius). These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. The Sundays of this season rank as Paschal Sundays... (GNLYC 22-24)

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."

Fr Tony's Easter Message for 2013

Wishing you all a most Holy, happy and joyous Easter.

May you, your family and friends enjoy the Blessings of the Risen Lord.

St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one for who loves'.

There is also the ancient proverb, 'One who sings well prays twice'.

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Please sing at all Easter celebrations with joy in your heart.

*Fr Tony
 Parish Priest*

PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER – YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS: PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER – HAVE YOUR SAY.

Bishop Peter Ingham invites parish communities in each region to now gather and have your say about what we believe is the best way to configure ourselves to be bearers of Christ's love. Come along to consider Mass times, the number of priests, parish boundaries and support for sacramental preparation and the many ministries and services in our region.

Eastern Macarthur: Thursday 18th April, St John's Hall, Campbelltown 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Please RSVP to Jane Edwards email jane.edwards@dow.org.au or 4222 2404 and indicate which venue you will be attending.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013
(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)

FIRST RECONCILIATION
(Children Year 3 and above)

Classes conclude week beginning Sunday 17th March.

First Rite of Reconciliation will be on Thursday 4th April and Friday 5th April from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Details will be given at the lessons.

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

Parent/Carer's Information Night (Parents and Carers only) Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm – in the Parish Church

Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 28th April and conclude week beginning Sunday 19th May.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 2nd June (more details to follow)

RECONCILIATION: Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation on either this coming Thursday or Friday.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Are to be returned during this week at the Parish Office during office hours or handed in at the collections at any of the Masses. Your donations through the Project Boxes and/or envelopes will allow Caritas Australia to reduce poverty and hunger in and around the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Ellen Healy, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Michael Seufatu (R.D.), Theresa (Tessie) Henriques (Anniv), Frances Ihlein, Caroline D'Mello, Audrey Hoare, Mrs O'Donnell, Christopher Torpy, Ladislav Feher, Alphonse Zammit, Stephen Vaz, Siouli Salas, Robin Platt, Mary Writer, Phillip Conroy, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Alice Harris, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, John DeVillie, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

4th: Gregory Littlewood and Ethan Littlewood
5th: Helen Rawson

THANKYOU to the many parishioners (preparing the Church, grounds, readers and refreshments after Mass) who helped in making our Palm Sunday Family Mass last weekend such a success. *Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.*

THANKYOU: Also to the many parishioners who have prepared and beautified our Church for this weekend. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

CATECHIST'S REQUIRED: Anyone who is interested in being a Catechist and has a couple of hours free on a Thursday morning between 10:20am to 1:15pm please make inquiries with Colleen on 46284717. Classes are 30 minutes only. We teach at five schools: Briar Road, Kentlyn, John Warby, Ruse and Woodland Road.

PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets are on sale this weekend before and after all the Masses. The tickets are \$1.00 each and there are great prizes. The raffle will be drawn after Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass and the results will be in next weeks bulletin. Thank you to the many parishioners who have supported this fundraiser.

DO YOU 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 (4628 2967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

Diary Dates:

- **Wednesday Prayer Group** meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall (during the School term) after the 9.00am Mass
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 8th April at 7.30pm (please note new time) in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Parish Pastoral Council** extra ordinary meeting Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 9th April at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **First Holy Communion Information evening** Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm (parents/carers only) in the Parish Church
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering on Thursday 11th March after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please take home a copy of our Parish School newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

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Enrolment Applications for 2014 – are available from the School Office and are due back by 10 April 2013. Enrolment Interviews will be held with Fr Tony and Mr Paul Croker (School Principal) early in Term 2. If you have any queries in regard to 2014 Enrolment Applications please contact with the school office on 4625 6561 or email info@stmdow.catholic.edu.au.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: From 7 April the Catholic program "Mass For You At Home" will be broadcast throughout Australia in both city and regional areas on Channel 11 on Sunday mornings at 5.30am. This program benefits those who for various reasons are unable to attend Mass including the elderly, nursing home residents and people in prison. The website for *Mass For You At Home* is <http://www.mfyah.com.au/> and the most recent Sunday Mass is available for viewing at the website at any time.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY to remember the Dharawal people killed in the massacre of 1816 will be held at **Cataract Dam picnic area on Sunday, 14 April 2013, 12noon – 3.30pm.** Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. **Please note:** the ceremony involves a short walk to the site. Appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen and bottled water are highly recommended. As the site has limited seating available, feel free to bring your own fold-up chairs. **The event will take place regardless of weather conditions.**

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Brian and Monica** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 1st April until Sunday 14th April.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. The family will be saying the Rosary on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.

READERS FOR APRIL 2013:

Vigil Mass: Catherine and Dominic Robinson
9.00am Mass: 7th & 14th April Brian and Claire O'Brien
 21st & 28th: Pearce Nelson and Sarah Wright

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9am Mass: Karen Mahanay

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Samoan Devine Mercy Group

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'aiu Faamau, Leesha Bell, Lina and Tino Maututia



