

**4th Sunday of Lent
Year A
30th March 2014**



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"

LENT 2014

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday evening during Lent at 7.30pm in the Parish Church

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 17th April:

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 18th April:

10.00am: Stations of the Cross (Church grounds weather permitting)

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 19th April:

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

Sunday 20th April:

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

EASTER READERS 2014

PALM SUNDAY: 12th/13th April

Vigil Mass:

1st Reader: Bev McKenzie

2nd Reader: Julie McKenzie

Gospel/Passion: N: Phil Kenyon

O: Pam Kenyon

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

9.00am Mass:

1st Reader: Samuel Gould

2nd Reader: Maureen Molland

Gospel/Passion N: Therese Writer

O: Claire O'Brien

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

HOLY THURSDAY: 17th April 7.30pm

Commentary for Procession of Oils and Prayers of the Faithful:

Bill George

1st Reader: Pam Kenyon

2nd Reader: Phil Kenyon

GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

1st Reader: Pauline Menzies

2nd Reader: Brian O'Brien

Gospel/Passion N: Rosalie Vine

C: Chris Vine

Crowd: Choir and Congregation

General Intercessions: Chris O'Brien

EASTER SUNDAY 19th/20 April

7.00pm Vigil Mass

1st Reader: Freda Miranda

2nd Reader: Bev McKenzie

3rd Reader: Christine Foreman

Epistle and Prayers of Faithful: Maria Feher

EASTER SUNDAY 9.00am Mass

1st Reader: Therese Writer

2nd Reader: Jim Writer

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital. **Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on: 4628 2967 or speak to him in person after/before Mass to arrange a suitable visiting time.**

GLUTTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require these for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony and he will make them available for you.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Will Peters (R.D.) (brother of Fr Ron Peters), Theresa (Tessie) Henriques (Anniv), Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Charles Dows, Stuart Eldridge, Mary Writer, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.**

SICK LIST: Please pray for the **many** sick in our Parish Community: Barry Daley, Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, Graham Wagg, Jack O'Sullivan, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Melanie Blessing, Sitani (Stan) Nasio, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

4th: Therese Writer

EASTER RAFFLE: The Parish Ladies Group will be selling Raffle tickets after all Masses the next 2 weekends. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is during the 9.00am Sunday Mass for children in kindergarten up to and including Year 6, during School Terms. If you would like to find out more about this Parish Ministry, be a helper or Teacher; please contact Christine on 4626 7475 or the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

ROSTERS FOR APRIL-JUNE: Are available for collection from the Sacristy. If you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry or would like more information please speak with Fr Tony.

PARISH CENSUS FORMS: If your need to change your details on our Parish records, there are census forms available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. The forms when completed can be given to Fr Tony, put in the collection baskets or the Parish Office or

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

DISCOVERING MY GIFTS FOR MINISTRY: These books were handed out several weeks ago and to date none have been returned. These need to be returned ASAP so as we can plan for our Parish Ministries.

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS REQUIRED:

Can you spare a couple of hours on a Sunday morning to assist with the collection process for the Parish Panned Giving.

The commitment will only be required on a rostered basis which can be twice a year for a one month period depending on the numbers of teams available.

Teams are normally four people. If you can assist in this special ministry would you please contact Father Tony or the Parish Office

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR ST THOMAS

MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Forms are available at the Parish School Office. For enquiries please contact the School Office on 4625 6561.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: Find out what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School, please take home a copy. They are on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

CHRISM MASS - DIOCESAN CHOIR: The Diocesan Choir will be leading the music for the Chrism Mass this year. Singers from all parishes are invited to join the Diocesan Choir and participate in this Diocesan celebration on Wednesday 16th April at 7:30 pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be a rehearsal on Monday 31st March at 7:15pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Please RSVP to Paul Mason at liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR: St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Campbelltown & World of Fine Theatre and Music Productions present "Jesus Christ Superstar" (4 shows) on 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th April at 8.00pm in the Church. Unreserved seating. Please see notice boards for more details. For bookings please phone the Parish Office on: 4625 8044

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:

Day Retreat: Saturday 5th April "Prodicat Son" led by Fr Paul Maunder OCD. **Weekend Retreat:** 4-6th April led by Fr Gabriel Maliakkal OCD & Sr Nory Ordiz CM. For more information please phone their office on: 8795 3400

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Sunday 13 April 2014

:This is an annual event to remember the Dharawal people that perished in the Massacre of 1816. All are welcome to this annual memorial. For further information contact: Aunty Muriel Brandy 9605 4540; Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306; Sr Kerry 9605 1838 or Ann Madsen 4647 7324

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

Wednesday 4th June: Parent/Carer's Information night for **Confirmation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 6 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) **7.30pm in the Parish Church: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Celebrated on Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm.**

Wednesday 6th August: Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation) **7.30pm in the Parish Church: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be Celebrated on the weekend of 13th /14th September.**

READERS: April:

Vigil Mass: 5th: Freda Miranda and James Munro

9.00am Mass: 6th: Christine Foreman and Maureen Molland

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

READER'S FOR EASTER PLEASE SEE 1ST COLUMN

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Vicky Horne

9am Mass: Cathy Bye

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 4:

Maureen Molland and Faye Faamau Cleaner's urgently needed for this group- if you have a spare hour on either Saturday morning or during the week it would be greatly appreciated. This group is in urgent need of cleaner's to help beautify and keep clean our Church for you to worship in.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Beryl** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 31st March to Sunday 13th April. Catherine, Steven and family** will be saying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 7.00pm.** The address is on the main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

When you pray the Rosary in your home you are still a community at prayer. Have you considered celebrating praying the Rosary at home and inviting other parishioners to share this special time with you? Those interested in having the Rosary Statue (and/or would like more details) can contact the parish office on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable time you and your family would like to have our Parish Rosary Statue in your home.

Parish Diary Dates:

Tuesday 1st April: Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Monday 7th April: Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

Monday 7th April: Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 8th April: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)

Wednesday 9th April: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Thursday 10th: Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome (come along for a good laugh and chat) in the Parish Hall

Friday 11th: 9.00am Mass – Catechist Commissioning Mass followed by meeting in the Parish Hall

Prayer

Healing God,
Thank you for the gift of sight.
Open the eyes of my mind
That I may see more truly what you ask of me.
Open the eyes of my heart that I may respond with generosity
And recognise the face of Jesus, your Son,
In each person I meet.
I pray with confidence, in Jesus' name. **Amen**

