

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A
9th February 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"

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

This Wednesday 12th February: Parent/Carers Information night for **Reconciliation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above) **7.30pm** in the Parish Church:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on either Wednesday 19th March or Thursday 20th March.

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 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.

LENT 2014

Ash Wednesday: 5th March
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening during Lent commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Church
The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Thursday 17th April:
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 18th April:
Stations of the Cross
The Passion of the Lord
Evening Prayer of Divine Office
Saturday 19th April:
Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)
Sunday 20th April:
Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

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.**

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Charles Dows (R.D.), Stuart Eldridge(R.D.), Bishop Douglas Warren (1st Anniv), Mary Writer, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Bernie Blackstock, 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: Phillip Mills, Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Ellen Healy, Graham Wagg, Jack O'Sullivan, Ken Churchill, Leonie Lovell, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming .

THIS TUESDAY (11th February) will be the 22nd WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2014: The 9.00am Mass will be offered for all the sick and for those who care for them.

Belated PARISH BIRTHDAYS:

28th January: Christine Foreman
1st February: Rita Jowsey

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

13th: Megan Newman and Howard Pew
14th: Claire Astruc, Jacob Inkster and Dennis Wass

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:

8th: David and Catherine Minogue (17 years)

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: **Grace Alea Moretti** and **Ethan Carter Desveaux** who were Baptised last weekend.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:

Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy.

ST THOMAS MORE RETIREE'S SOCIAL GROUP:

Dear Parishioner's, The Retiree's Social Group would like to invite Senior Parishioner's (over 55) to join us in the Hall after the 9.00am Mass on Thursday 13th February for a cuppa, chat and a laugh. We would like to Welcome more Parishioners. **Hope to see you soon Fellow Retiree's**

JOIN A WEEKLY PARISH LENTEN GROUP THIS

YEAR: Our 44-page weekly program (with an accompanying CD Resource) is a six-week Lenten preparation resource primarily for small groups and families. This year the program has been written by popular Carmelite conference and retreat presenter, Fr Greg Homeming OCD, and our very own Sr Hilda Scott OSB from Jamberoo Abbey. See the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Church if you would like to attend and/or host a group that will be running ENCOUNTER in our parish. The books only cost \$3 each and will be given to participants at their first meeting. A Triple CD is also available for \$5.00.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: For 2014 will return next Sunday (16th February) during the 9.00am Mass. This is available for children in kindergarten up to and including Year 6. This is available during School Terms. If you would like to find out more about this Parish Ministry, be a helper or Teacher, please contact either Christine on 4626 7475r or the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY

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

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR ST THOMAS

MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Forms will be available from this Monday (10th February) at the Parish School Office. For enquiries please contact the School Office on 4625 6561

FRENCH MASS: Today (Sunday 9th February) at 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Campbelltown.

menALIVE BREAKFAST: The next Breakfast is part of the National Catholic Man Breakfast Series and will be hosted by Bishop Peter Ingham at the Xavier Centre, cnr Crown St and Harbour St Wollongong. The theme 'Fire In Your Life' - 7.30am Sat 15th February \$15 per person. The invitation is to all men from 16 to 60+. The speaker is Robert Falzon founder of menALIVE - A Husband, Father, Businessman, and newly published author. Robert has a passionate belief that God wants each of us to experience life in all its fullness. Robert will explore what it means to stoke the fire in your life. To confirm your booking: Vince 0413 126 095, Jude 42 222 407, Peter 0418 123 824, Jeff 0422 000 623, Phil 0434 894 589.

YEAR 7 -2015 INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Saturday 22nd February: John Therry Catholic High School
Please phone the School Office on: 4626 3322 for time etc
Tuesday 25th February: Mt Carmel Catholic High School
Please phone the School Office on: 9603 3000 for time etc
Wednesday 26th February: St Gregory's College
Please phone the School Office on: 4629 4222 for times etc
For information for **St Patrick's College** please phone the School Office on: 4629 2999 for date, time etc.

CATHOLIC CARE: Are running some great Family Support Programs to help parents and kids have a positive start to the year. Pick up a timetable including all the upcoming program details, dates and costs on the noticeboards at the entrance of the Church.

CCD LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE FOR CATECHISTS: Will commence on Monday 10th February (6 week course on consecutive Mondays from 9.30am - 1.30pm). For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au

CATHOLIC CARE ST PATRICK'S DAY RACING FUNRAISER:

Saturday 15 March, Kembla Grange Racecourse
Tickets now on sale. Book today to avoid disappointment.
Ph: 42271122 Email: chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au
Web: www.catholiccare.dow.org.au
All monies raised will assist the Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) program - helping siblings of kids with a disability

FEBRUARY 2014

READERS:

Vigil Mass: 15th/22nd: Bev and Julie McKenzie

9.00am Mass: 16th/23rd: Cody Benes and Maria Feher

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

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Vicky
9am Mass: Cathy Bye

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3:

Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Francesca

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS 16th February:

The Tongan Community and St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (Year 6 parents/carers)

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: *The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Brian and Tresora for two weeks commencing Monday 3rd February to Sunday 16th February. The 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 11th February: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)

Wednesday 12th February: Parents/Carers Information night for Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised) at 7.30pm in the Parish Church

Thursday 13th February: 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)

Tuesday 18th February: Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 19th February: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Sunday 23rd February: at 10.15am in the Parish Church there will be a meeting for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion Acolyte's and Senior Server's.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and Eternal God,

You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You.

Hear us for Your sick servants

for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy,

that being restored to bodily health,

may they give thanks to You in Your Church.

Through **Christ** our Lord.

