

20th April 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"

Fr Tony's Easter Message 2014

Wishing each and every one of our Parishioners and visitors to our Parish during this Easter Season, a very Holy, Happy and joyous Easter.

May your faith in the Resurrected Jesus be fulfilled by His promise of sharing in eternal life.

May God Bless you and keep you always in his love



Fr Tony

Fr Tony's Thankyou

I would like to thank the parishioners who have helped in beautifying our Church and Church grounds in preparation for this Easter season.

For the cleaning of the Church windows, mowing of the Church grounds, preparing the Church gardens, preparing the Church Hall for the Altar of Repose, preparing the Church for Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Mass and the preparation of the Church Powerpoints.

The Sacristan's, Musicians and choir, Church cleaner's, the Reader's, The flower arranger's, The Alcolyte's, the Senior Altar Server's, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.



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

Easter 2014 Message and Blessing from Bishop Peter Ingham

My blessings and best wishes on each of you for the Sacred Triduum of the passion, death and resurrection of our Saviour. May the Lord keep us in his charity and lead us all – shepherds and flock – to eternal life.

Fraternally Bishop Peter Ingham

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.**

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Sitani (Stan) Nasio, Will Peters (brother of Fr Ron Peters), Theresa (Tessie) Henriques, 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 including: Barry Daley, Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, Graham Wagg, Jack O'Sullivan, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:
21st: Eddy Radzieta
23rd: Christine Charlton
24th: Richard Martin
PARISH ANNIVERSARY for this week:
20th: Melanie and Kevin Webb (23 years)

EASTER RAFFLE: Will be drawn to day (Easter Sunday) and the winners will be in next weekend's Parish Bulletin. Thank you to the many people who have supported this Parish 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.

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.

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: Counter's, Church Cleaner's, Children's Liturgy, Sacristan's, Flower Arranger's, Usher's/Greeter's. If you would like more information regarding these Ministries please contact the Parish Office on 46282967.

Many people have moved from our Parish and we are in short supply of helper's with these Ministries. Please think about joining one of these Ministries, this is our Church and we need your help. Thanking you in anticipation.

THE JOURNEY – CATHOLIC RADIO
'The Journey' is the Diocese's weekly Catholic Radio Program. Hear the show Sundays from 11am on Pulse 94.1FM in the Illawarra, or live streaming at pulse941.com.au. You can also listen at any time from the Diocesan website at radio.dow.org.au or find us on Facebook.

PALMS AUSTRALIA - Lent: Giving your money, or giving yourself? Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek people with qualifications and experience in education, health, administration, agriculture, tourism, and other professional, technical, and trades willing to volunteer to share their knowledge and skills for a minimum of 12 months from January 2015. Palms Information Session, at Xavier Centre (Ingham Room) Thursday 1 May 5:30-7:00pm 38 Harbour St (Cnr Crown and Harbour Sts), Wollongong. Entry to the conference centre is directly behind the Cathedral. Enquiries: Roger O'Halloran: 02 9518 9551 / roger@palms.org.au

CURSILLO WEEKEND Fri-Sun May 2-4 Hartzler Park Bowral: The Cursillo weekend gives you a little course in Christianity. This 3 day weekend is a small sample of learning more about ourselves and our God, supported on the journey by our brothers in faith.
For more information and to register contact: dianne.garland@gmail.com

ALIVE IN CHRIST! How are you and God getting on? At Easter, we celebrate our new life in Christ. Our church offers rich ways of living life to the full. Have you been wondering about a particular vocation? Start a conversation. Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Easter Sunday 20 April
Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Jeff and Marion** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 14th April to Sunday 27th April.** The family will be praying 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.

READER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:
Vigil Mass: 26th & 3rd May: Phil and Pam Kenyon

9.00am Mass: 27th & 4th May: Julie Writer and May Michelutti

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

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEK: Julie

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:
Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 22nd April:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
- **Thursday 24th April:** 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
- **Monday 5th May:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 5th May:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Easter Time

The 50 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... GNLVC 22-24



