

27th April 2014



2nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday

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 Thankyou

I would like to thank the parishioners who have helped in beautifying our Church and Church grounds in preparation for the 2014 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, 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, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.



Also thank you to the Parishioner who cleaned the Church on Tuesday and the putting away of the many things that were left out after our Easter Liturgies.

Your time was greatly appreciated.

WE WELCOME BACK our Parish School children who will be commencing Term 2 for 2014 this coming week. We wish them well in their continued studies and all they will learn.

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.
Hubertina Petronella Van Der Burg (R.D.), Sitani (Stan) Nasio, Will Peters, 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:
27th: Kristine George
30th: Bill Molland
2nd May: Mike Young

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

EASTER RAFFLE: Thank you to the many Parishioners and visitors to our parish who supported the Parish Ladies Group fundraiser. The winners are:
1st: Fr Tony Daly, **2nd:** Fay Faamau, **3rd:** Carmel Bartolo, **4th:** Andrew James, **5th:** Margarita, **6th:** Kerry Hooton, **7th:** Brian McMurray and **8th:** Julie McKenzie.
Congratulations to you all. Enjoy

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Andrew River Titus James** who was Baptised, Confirmed and made his First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil Mass last Saturday evening.

PROJECT COMPASSION (reminder): The Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes need to be returned ASAP. They can be put into the collection baskets at Mass, given to Fr Tony or handed in to the Parish Office during Office hours. Thanking you all in anticipation.

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.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Included is an **84 page book to celebrate the canonisation of Popes John XX111 and John Paul, the Church's newest saints. This is a great keepsake.** Plus many other articles of interest. 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

CHILD PROTECTION COURSES FOR CATECHISTS: Monday 5th May 10am -12.30pm . For bookings please phone Cindy on 4640 8550 by 1st May. CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: Over the Sunday's of this year we will be listening to Matthew's Gospel. Like each of the gospels, Matthew presents Jesus in his own unique way. Jesus is the one who fulfills 'the law and the prophets', he is the Messiah of Israel, the king and savior of the world. He comes before us as the teacher & lawgiver, greater even than Moses. And of course he is pre-sented as the son of man giving his life for us all.
Over the course of 2014 Darren McDowell will be offering a series of 'stand alone' sessions exploring the rich themes found in this gospel. **Our parish will be hosting a session on Friday 30th May from 9.45am-1.00pm in our Parish Hall. To register (by Monday 26th May) please contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au [facebook.com/cfldow](https://www.facebook.com/cfldow) Twitter: @CFLDOW**

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 0401621591 priesthood@dow.org.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Richard and Maryse** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 28th April to Sunday 11th May.** The family will be praying the Rosary on the **Monday's at 6.00pm.** 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: 3rd May: **Phil and Pam Kenyon**
10th/17th: **James Munro and Bill George**

9.00am Mass: 4th May: **Julie Writer and May Michelutti**
11th/18th: **Chris O'Brien and Meli Mauga**

(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: Christine and Carmel

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: **Carmel Munro**
9.00am Mass: **Karenne Harvey**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 18th May: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Year 4 parents/carer's, Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Colleen Jablonskis, Maria Hill and Gwen Harris

Parish Diary Dates:

- **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
- **Thursday 8th May:** Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome (come along for a cuppa, good laugh and chat)in the Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 13th May:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)
- **Wednesday 14th May:** Parish Finance Council meeting At 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

