

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Year B
1st February 2015



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"

Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have a ramp going into the Church and one going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know. "Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40"

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

WELCOME: Back to our Parish School Children who have commenced their school year for 2015. We also welcome our Kindergarten students who will be commencing this coming week.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 17th February: Parent/Carer's 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 Tuesday 24th March or Wednesday 25th March.

LENT TIMETABLE 2015

Ash Wednesday: 18th February

9.00am: Mass and Ashes

7.30pm: Mass and Ashes

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at **7.30pm.**

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 2nd April:

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Then Altar of Repose till **11.30pm**

Friday 3rd April: GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of the Lord

7.30pm: Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 4th April: HOLY SATURDAY

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

Sunday 5th April: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Nathan Bethally, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney, Tomas Laming, Mary Fredericks and Reno Zamprogno

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Donald McKinnon (R.D.), Norma Sheehy (R.D.), Andy Grima (R.D.), David Eccleston (R.D.), Kellan George Byrnes (R.D.) Stuart Eldridge (Anniv), Mary Writer, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Josephine McKay, Peter Frederick Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

Birthdays for this week:

1st Feb: Rita Jowsey and Margaret Davis

3rd Feb: Michael Carbonara

4th Feb: Bernadine Walsh

6th Feb: Francesca Chow and Lachlan Munro

Wedding Anniversary for this week:

5th Feb: Cathy and Michael Bye (43years)

PARISH EASTER LITURGY MEETING: There will be a meeting on Friday the 13th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre in preparation for the Easter Celebrations. **Readers, Sacristan's, Flower Arrangers, Musicians, Acolytes, Altar Servers and any interested Parishioners are all encouraged to attend.** Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be included on the Agenda. *Please consider attending, your input will be appreciated.*

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Georgia Sawdy* who was Baptised last weekend.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Please support our Parish Piety Stall, there are plenty of books (including a Sunday Missal), Holy Cards and Medals and many more Religious goods available for sale.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

All Parishioners are invited to attend our Parish School's beginning of the School Year Mass this Friday (6th February) at 11.30am at the School. Also please take home a copy of the School Newsletter (1st for 2015) and see what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

HEALING MASS: This Wednesday 4th February at 7.00pm at Mary Immaculate Parish Emerald Drive Eagle Vale offered by Fr Richard McAlear OMI an Oblate Priest from the States. Healing Masses are very helpful for those who have suffered losses of any kind or who are praying for emotional, physical or spiritual healing. All welcome.

TERESA: A 500TH CELEBRATION: February 7: day retreat Presenter: Fr Greg Burke, OCD, Cost: \$20. At: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Contact: Ph 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Registration: 9.00am - 10.15am, Retreat: 10.20am - 4.00pm Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Pick-ups from Minto train station: 9.30am and 10.00am

LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER: The Wollongong's Lenten Program this year is called ARISE. This program is a good way to prepare for Easter by deepening our understanding of Jesus' love for us unto death and grasping anew the hope his Resurrection brings us. *If you would like to either host or attend a Parish Lenten Group please put your name/s down on the clipboard on the main table at the entrance of the Church. More details to follow.*

Year 7 -2015 INFORMATION EVENINGS

Saturday 14th February: John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow. In the School Hall 10am-2.00pm, Information session at 10.30am. Please phone the School Secretary Mrs Josephine Geer on 4645 8100 for more information or visit the school website.

Wednesday 18th February: Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville at 7.00pm in the Champagnat Centre. Please phone the School Office on (02)9603 3000 for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING: ACOLYTES, ALTAR SERVERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 21 February: St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown (10am - 4pm)

This training is essential for those who wish to become acolytes within the Diocese of Wollongong and especially important and useful for those desiring to bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or housebound.

For registration please contact Helen Bennett:

RSVP: 18 Feb, helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403. Any enquiries to Paul Mason at paul.mason@dow.org.au or 4222 2462

INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE:

Monday 23rd February 9am-3.30 Parish Meeting Room at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. This introductory workshop will also outline the elements covered in the full Diocesan Certificate in Pastoral Care course. For more information about the workshop or course contact Carmen Karauda on 4640 8515 or Carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH: The first Diocesan Assembly for 2015 10am-1.30pm at St Mary's Star of the Sea College Hall, Wollongong. The focus for this assembly will be our revised Diocesan Pastoral Plan. More information will follow soon, please keep this date in your diary.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 2nd February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting (1st for 2015) in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 3rd February: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class (*please note change of day*) in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 10th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (1st for 2015) in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 11th February: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday 12th February: 9.30am Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laughs and a cuppa etc.

Friday 13th February: 7.00pm Easter Liturgy meeting in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 17th February: 7.30pm Parent/Carers information night for Reconciliation in the Parish Church please see notice for more details

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 7th Feb: James Munro and Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass: 8th Feb: Helen Rawson and Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: 14th Feb: Louise Phillips and Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: 15th Feb: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: 7th Feb: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: 8th Feb: Tess and Feysie Writer

Vigil Mass: 14th Feb: Robinson Family

9.00am Mass: 15th Feb: Maria Feher and Cody Benes

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 7th Feb: Group 6: Nasio Family

Saturday 14th Feb: Group 4: Fa'aiu Faamau, Colleen Jablonski, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 7th Feb: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: 8th Feb: Christine Foreman

Vigil Mass: 14th Feb: Vicky Horne

9.00am Mass: 15th Feb: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 7th Feb: Julie Writer

Saturday 14th Feb: Christine and Carmel

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS:

Sunday 15th Feb: Group 1: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Helen Rawson, Rita Jowsey and Annette Read

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for my life and thank you for my family. Thank you for drawing close to me and loving me like you do. I love you Lord and I want to serve you all the rest of my days. I realize you value relationships and I want that same passion. Please help me to think of others and help others in any way I can.

Open my ears so that I may be a good listener and fill my heart with wisdom I may share to encourage those who are in need. Give me a compassionate heart that notices those around me and has the courage to initiate or maintain relationships with them in Jesus' name AMEN

