

4th SUNDAY of the EASTER



**Year B
26th April 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 ramps going into the Church and going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know. "Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcome 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.

DO YOU KNOW 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 (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

CAN ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE either to be placed in the Collection Baskets at Mass or left at the Parish Office during Office Hours. Thanking you in anticipation. **Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Brian Harris, Chris Noyce, Maree Laming, Edmund Pew, Ethan Craig, Amy Jablonskis, Karenne Harvey, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Paul Riddell (R.D.), Mary Writer (Anniv), Michael Burns, Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter 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.

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2015:

Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm in the Church: Parent/Guardian Information and Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion (for candidates in Year 3 and above and who have made their First Reconciliation). **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June 2015.** More details will be available at the Information/Enrolment Evening **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11th September 2015.** Candidates have to be in Year 6 and above and have to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. More details to come regarding the Information/Enrolment Evening for Confirmation.

Parishioners Birthdays for this week:

27th: Kristine George
30th: Bill Molland

PARISH LADIES MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Tickets are on sale at all Masses for the next 2 weekends. \$1.00 per ticket and there are 6 great prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the Sunday 9.00am Mass on Mother's Day (Sunday 10th May). **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION?: The Parish Ladies Group would like to invite all Ladies over the age of 18 to keep Sunday 24th May free from 12noon to 2.30pm. What a great way to spend a relaxing afternoon for \$5.00 in our Parish Hall. What's a Catholic function without a raffle (yes there is one).

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: 9.30 – 11.30am Tuesdays in our Parish Hall during school terms. Attention Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, everyone welcome. If you have children including under School age children and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Parish Pastoral Council: If you are interested in being a member of our Parish Pastoral Council please speak with Father Tony. *The Parish Pastoral Council share the responsibility for building a vibrant community that is embedded in the Eucharist and built on faith, hope and charity. The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Parish Priest meeting once a month. Members normally hold office for 2 years.*

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: Parish Powerpoint Creations, Counter's, Church Cleaner's, Children's Liturgy, Flower Arranger's, Usher's/Greeters. If you would like more information on these Parish Ministries please either speak with Fr Tony of phone the Parish Office during Office Hours. Please think about joining one of these Parish Ministries, this is our Church and we need your help. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

NEW PARISH CHOIR: If you would like to be a member of this Parish Ministry please contact Dexter on: 0431990639. Music enhances the Liturgy of the Church.

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

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: Welcome back to Term 2 and the commencement of week 2. Parishioners and visitors please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter and see what is happening.

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: The latest autumn edition is now available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Find out what is happening in our Diocese. There is an update of the Pastoral Plan for 2015-2017, what was achieved from 2011-2014. An article on Catechists (spot one of our Parishioner's) and the Annual Day of Consecrated Life plus many more interesting articles. Please take home a copy to read.

FR ELIO CAPRA on LOVE, LIFE AND SACRED MOMENTS and talks based on the Sacraments at St Anthony's Picton/Tahmoor. A program of inspiration from Friday 1st May evening until Sunday 3rd May lunchtime. Please see the brochures on the tables at the entrance of the Church and the noticeboards.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: Six day directed retreat A silent retreat with a spiritual director to accompany you. When: April 27 – May 3, Presenter: Team of Directors Cost: \$660 (concessions apply) Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 Contact: 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: May 2: 1 day retreat The "Way" of Pentecost. *In Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs us how to become joyful bearers of the Spirit.* Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD, Cost: \$20. Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 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.

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY OF AGEING: Monday 11th May 9am – 3.30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Meeting Room, St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Registration is essential by Wednesday 6th May to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:



If you would like to have the Rosary Statue in your home please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 28th April: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome.
Wednesday 29th April: 7.00pm First Holy Communion Information/Enrolment evening (See notices for more details)
Monday 4th May: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, all Ladies are most welcome, come along for a chat and getting to know each other
Tuesday 5th May: 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Thursday 7th May: 9.30am Retirees Social Group Gathering in the Parish Hall (for retiree's over 55) come along for a chat, laugh and a cuppa etc.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd May: Louise Phillips and Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd May: Faye Faamau and Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th May: Maureen Molland and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th May: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd May: James Munro and May Michelutti
9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd May: Noel Laming and Julie Writer
Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th May: David Minogue and Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th May: Rosalie and Chris Vine

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 2nd May: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'au Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera
Saturday 9th May: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 2nd May: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: Sunday 3rd May: Brian and Gwen Harris
Vigil Mass: Saturday 9th May: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 10th May: Christine Foreman

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 2nd May: Julie Writer Saturday 9th May: Christine and Carmel

