

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Year B  
8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent/Guardian's Information and Enrolment 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 24<sup>th</sup> March or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

**LENT TIMETABLE 2015**

**Ash Wednesday: 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community, **Rocio Yevenes** who was Baptised last weekend.

**Birthdays for this week:**

13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Megan Newman and Howard Pew  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Dennis Wass

**Wedding Anniversary for this week:**

8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Catherine and David Minogue (18 Years)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Paul Riddell, 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 Zamprognio

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Beryl Ahsam (R.D.), Donald McKinnon, Norma Sheehy, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Mary Writer, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Josephine 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.*

**PARISH EASTER LITURGY MEETING:** There will be a meeting this Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.

**PALMS:** If you have any palms from previous years, could you please bring them back and either leave in the Parish kitchen or hand to Fr Tony. Thanking you in anticipation.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter and see what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

**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.**

**PRAYER VIGIL:** For Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumar will be held this Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> February) at 7.30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. The Vigil is open to people of all Faiths. Any enquiries please contact Fr Ron on 4228 6511

**Year 7 -2016 INFORMATION EVENINGS**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> February: Mount Carmel Catholic College, Varroville at 7.00pm in the Champagnat Centre.** For more information please contact the College Office on (02)9603 3000

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February: St Gregory's College, Campbelltown** at 7.30pm in the Br Luke Hall. For more information please contact the College Office on 4629 4222

**POWERPOINT WORKSHOPS**

**12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30-8.30pm in Parish Hall**  
**6.30 - 7.30 pm Introduction to Powerpoint**  
**7.30-8.30pm Advanced Powerpoint Creation**

**Mount Carmel Church Community Market and Car Boot Sale.**

When: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2015. Time:9am-12pm  
Address: At the Church Grounds, St Andrews Rd, Varroville (Behind the Mount Carmel High School grounds) Come along to the Community Market and Car Boot Sale of Mt Carmel Church! Held within the church grounds and in the hall, the stalls include beauty, bric a brac, religious items, cakes, toys, jewellery, hair accessories, books and much more. There will be free hospitality, a sausage sizzle, Devonshire Tea and, many market stalls. From 9am - 12pm, everyone is welcome!!! Find them on Facebook!

**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. There are 2 sessions in the morning and one after lunch led by Bishop Peter Ingham and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

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. Cost of \$10.00 per head towards catering (Morning Tea, lunch & Afternoon Tea are provided)

**INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Carmen.karauda@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 engaging in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2015 to 2017 with special focus on support family life and serving Christ's mission together. Registration is essential. Helen on [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) or 4222 2403.

**NEW GROUP STARTING: ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME**

**9.30 Tuesday in Parish Hall during school terms.** Come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Storytime, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Everyone Welcome Mums, bubs, pre-schoolers. Gold coin donation. If interested please place name on clipboard at back of church or ring **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (1<sup>st</sup> for 2015) in the Parish Centre. New members are most welcome

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February: 7.00pm** Easter Liturgy meeting in the Parish Centre (see notices)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30pm** Parent/Guardian's information night for Reconciliation in the Parish Church (please see notice for more details)

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Louise Phillips and Winnie Cameron**

**9.00am Mass: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau**

**Vigil Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Bertha Barbari**

**9.00am Mass: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Julie Writer and Catherine Minogue**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

**Vigil Mass: 14<sup>th</sup>Feb: Robinson Family**

**9.00am Mass: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Maria Feher and Cody Benes**

**Vigil Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Robinson Family**

**9.00am Mass: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Maria Feher and Cody Benes**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Group 4: Fay Faamau, Colleen Jablonski, Rosa and Manuel Herrera**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Vicky Horne**

**9.00am Mass: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Chris Reddy**

**Vigil Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Help Needed**

**9.00am Mass: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Karenne Harvey**

**FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Christine and Carmel**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Group 1: Carmel Munro, Christine Foreman, Helen Rawson, Rita Jowsey and Annette Read**

