

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Year B

15th February 2015

Project Compassion Sunday-Food For Life

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY-FOOD FOR LIFE

Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish food for life. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent. www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion-1800024413

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 17th 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 24th March or Wednesday 25th March.

LENT TIMETABLE 2015

Ash Wednesday: 18th February

9.00am: Mass and Ashes

11.30am: Mass and Ashes at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

7.30pm: Mass and Ashes

Stations of the Cross will be *every* Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church at **7.30pm** (commencing Friday 20th February).

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, **Liesel Rachana Roberts** who was Baptised last weekend.

Birthdays for this week:

18th Feb: Epifania Inkster and Freda Miranda

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 Zamprogno

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Sr Mary Picone (Marist Sister previously residing at Airds), Josephine McKay (anniv), Beryl Ahsam, Donald McKinnon, Norma Sheehy, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Mary Writer, 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.**

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.

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.

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**

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. **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016:** Applications are now available from the School Office. Enrolments are being accepted until 3 April 2015. Enrolment interviews will take place in May.

Open Day and Open Evening sessions - Wednesday 25 February 2015: Open session will be at 9.15am and Open Evening session at 7.00pm. These are being held to "Showcase" the 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. *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.*

Year 7 -2016 INFORMATION EVENINGS:

Wednesday 18th 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 25th 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 WORKSHOP Invitation to all Parishioners: **19th February at 6.30-8.30pm in Parish Hall**
6.30 - 7.30 pm Introduction to Powerpoint
7.30-8.30pm Advanced Powerpoint Creation (If you have a laptop please bring it along)

Mount Carmel Church Community Market and Car Boot

Sale: Today Sunday 15th 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 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

CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY: This course provides practical knowledge, skills and approaches, in liturgy for people who take active roles in preparing, coordinating and leading liturgy and liturgical music in parish and school. For more details and to enrol contact 4222 2463 or cfl@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 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 or 4222 2403.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 17th February: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall

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

Thursday 19th February: 6.30pm-8.30pm Powerpoint Workshop in the Parish Hall

Friday 20th February: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 24th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre. New members are most welcome

Thursday 26th 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.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 21st Feb: Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass: 22nd Feb: Julie Writer and Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: 28th Feb: Trish Newman and Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: 1st March: Helen Rawson and Karenne Harvey

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: 21st Feb: Robinson Family

9.00am Mass: 22nd Feb: Maria Feher and Cody Benes

Vigil Mass: 28th Feb: Ethan Billett and Tony Billet

9.00am Mass: 1st March: Maria Samaha and Maryse Parisi

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 21st Feb: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 28th Feb: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 21st Feb: Help Needed

9.00am Mass: 22nd Feb: Karenne Harvey

Vigil Mass: 28th Feb: Help Needed

9.00am Mass 1st March: Barry Daley

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS:



Please join us in the Parish Hall after this morning's 9.00am Mass for Refreshments. Come and share a cuppa and a chat

