

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



Year B  
24th May 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 ramps going into the Church and 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.

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please keep in in your prayers the 56 Candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Also for their families and the teachers who are giving of their time in preparing these Candidates.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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:**  
26<sup>th</sup>: Zachary Vossen  
27<sup>th</sup>: Maria Lavocah (90<sup>th</sup>) & Karen Mahanay

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Candice Walker, Adde Liban, Brian Harris, Chris Noyce, Maree Laming, 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. Leslie Michelutti (R.D.), Donagh Keane, George Pew, Gertrude Peters, Paul Riddell, Mary Writer, 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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To *Michael Anthony Rengger* who was Baptised last weekend.

**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.*

**FOR READERS:** The current Readers’ Roster ends in July. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church and you will have the opportunity to have your name on the new roster. If you have previously been on the roster, or if you have been considering joining this Ministry please add your name to the list (clipboard on the table at the main entrance of the Church). I congratulate the young people on our current roster who read so well and invite anyone in Year 5 or over who wishes to read, please add your name to the list too. There will be a Readers’ workshop held when the new roster goes out and if you haven’t already been to one I look forward to meeting you there. **Many thanks Julie**

**MISSING TABLECLOTHES:** There are several white tablecloths missing from the Parish Hall. If you have borrowed or taken them home to be washed can you please return them ASAP. Thanking you in anticipation.

**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:** Parishioners and visitors please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter and see what is happening.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:**  
Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is currently running the usual Winter Appeal up until 14 June 2015, seeking donations of cash and/or food.  
There are envelopes on the seats at Mass on each weekend during the Appeal, if you prefer to make a cash or credit card donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.  
Importantly, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provide warm meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area. The Centre’s needs include: Tinned tuna/ meat, Tinned spaghetti/ baked beans, Tinned soup/ meals, Tinned fruit, Milk powder/ condensed milk, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder Hot chocolate/ Milo, Tea/ coffee/ cordial, Plain and self-raising Flour, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, Beef stock cubes and any herbs & spices. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks.  
If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. There will be baskets at the back of the church at each Mass until 14 June 2015.  
**We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.**

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM:** This week on “The Journey” Sr Hilda reassures us that even though we might not feel God in our lives at times, he is always there; Sam Clear challenges us to be more like Simon of Cyrene by carrying the cross for those we love and Bruce Downes talks to us about “Falling out of Love”. There’s some fantastic music on this week’s show too, so tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to [www.radio.dow.org.au](http://www.radio.dow.org.au) where you can listen in and subscribe to weekly shows.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. **One Day retreat: “Love is his meaning” Julian of Norwich.** An opportunity to discover more about this little known this little-known 14th Century English mystic. Presenter: Mrs Sheila Upjohn Where: When: June 6 (1000am – 400pm) Cost: \$20

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament of Feast of Corpus Christi, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. This is for all Parishes in the Macarthur Region, and therefore Bishop Peter Ingham will preside and preach. Please join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

**WEEKEND AWAY FOR YOUR MARRIAGE:** Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! **19-21 June, 11-13 September, 13-15 November.** Venue for Weekends: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. To apply contact: Ardell & Bill Sharpe Tel. 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au), [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/WVMEasternUnit](http://www.facebook.com/WVMEasternUnit)

**PRAYER FOR PENTECOST:**  
**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and inspire them with the passion of your love. Amen**

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of *Glen and Anna Fernandez*. The Family **will be praying the Rosary on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, Monday evenings at 7.30pm.** The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.  
**If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659**

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: 7.00pm** Choir Practice in the Church all singers are encouraged to attend (*new members are most welcome*)  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome.  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: 7.30pm** Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, all ladies are most welcome  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 7.00pm** Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** from **9.30am** Retiree’s Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (all Retiree’s over 55 are most welcome)

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Louise Phillips and Maureen Molland**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Julie Writer**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Trish Newman and Bev McKenzie**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June:**

**READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Robinson Family**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bill George and Julie Writer**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Noel Laming**

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko, and Kathy Donachie**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Group 3: Brian O’Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro**

**USHERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Help needed**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Brian & Gwen Harris**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Vicky Horne**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Christine Foreman**

**CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER’S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Melanie Webb & Elaine Hoffmann**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
St Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share?

