

**Palm Sunday**  
**Year B**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2012**



Palm Sunday marks the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a colt. The people waved palms to honor Jesus. In Jesus' day, people waved palms to welcome royalty. From the earliest days, Christians carried palm branches to church to remember how Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. This tradition continues to this day.

**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."*

**Welcoming message from Fr Tony**

Dear Parishioners

I welcome you in celebrating our Family Mass today.

We wish that you continue the journey with our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in these sacred days from Passion Sunday to the Supper Room and on the road to Calvary, and finally to the joys of the Resurrection.

*I thank you for joining us in prayer and celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments after Mass*

**God Bless**  
*Fr Tony*

**EASTER TIMETABLE**

**Holy Week**

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April :</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Chrism Mass :</b>	7.30pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
<b>Holy Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Altar of Repose until 11.30pm (in the Hall)
<b>Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of the Lord 7.30pm Evening Prayer of Divine Office
<b>Holy Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Reconciliation:</b> 11.00am to 12noon and 4.00pm -5.00pm
<b>Easter Vigil Mass:</b>	7.00pm Mass
<b>Easter Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	9.00am Mass

**READERS FOR EASTER**  
**Holy Thursday (7.30pm)**

**Commentator:** Brian O'Brian  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** Clair O'Brien  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** David Minogue

**Good Friday – Lord's Passion (3.00pm)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** Pauline Menzies  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Gabby Menzies  
**Gospel/Passion:** N Bev McKenzie  
C Kerry Hennessy  
(C) Choir and Congregation  
**General Intercessions:** Freda Miranda

**Easter Vigil (7.00pm):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** Bill George  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Rosalie Vine  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Reader:** Pauline Menzies  
**Epistle:** Chantal Berbari  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Chris O'Brien

**9.00am Mass**

**Commentator:** Meli Mauga  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** Chantal Berbari  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** David Minogue (sequence & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

**COULD ALL PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES BE BOUGHT BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.** *They can either be left at the Church or dropped into the Parish Office during office hours.*  
**Thanking you in anticipation.**

**PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

Theresa (Tessie) Henriques (Anniv), Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Minna Innes, Fiona Carson, Kathy Pontin, Limita Rodrigues, Stephen Vaz, Rodriques and Vaz families, Ladislav Feher, Margaret Edgerton, Mary Writer, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, L. Abreo, Lina Pereira, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jim Writer, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Elaine Hoffmann, Maree Laming, Marcia Davis, Ginny Pereira, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

**Diary Dates:**

- **Parish Ladies Group meeting** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Retiree's Social Group meeting** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

**Parish Birthdays for this week:**

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Therese Writer, Gregory Littlewood & Ethan Littlewood,  
**5<sup>th</sup>:** Helen Rawson and **6<sup>th</sup>:** Lleyton D'Souza

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Madaline Emma Wagstaff** and **Leah Rose Bassil** who were Baptised last weekend.

**PARISH LADIES EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there are 4 great prizes. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass. Please help to support this fundraising raffle for our parish. **Thanking you in anticipation.**

**PARISH LADIES HIGH TEA:** The Parish Ladies Group has arranged to have a High Tea at Ridges (Campbelltown Catholic Club) to celebrate Mother's Day. This will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 11.30am onwards. The cost is \$40.00 per head and the payment has to be finalised by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to come along and bring your friends please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church.  
**Come on Ladies come and enjoy being "waited" on.**

**PARISH PIETY STALL:** If you would like to purchase Religious Goods, Rosary Beads etc please come and a look in our Parish Piety Stall. We have plenty of goods available for sale.

**WIN \$5000 CASH - St Vincent de Paul Raffle**  
For the next couple of weeks St Vincent de Paul members will be selling raffle tickets. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5000 Cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Couples weekend package (night in the city), 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Family fun pack Tickets are \$2 each OR 3 tickets for \$5 OR \$20 a book of 15 tickets. To be drawn 23 April 2012. **Please help support this worthy cause.**

**CHURCH SURROUNDS :** *The lawns are still growing like crazy. Any help any time in keeping them under control would be much appreciated.*

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2013:** Application forms are available from the School Office. For enquiries please phone the School on 4625 6561

**iSTAND GENERATION School Holiday Camp.** Are you aged between 14-18? Do you know someone in this age bracket? Then this is for you! Youth Mission Team Wollongong is holding their first last iSTAND camp for the year from **Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 April 2012.** This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with other young people, with games, interactive activities, Mass, good food and lots of fun! For more information, please contact YMT Wollongong Manager, Christopher Brennan on 02 4284 1635 or 0433 636 359 or wollongong@ymt.com.au Hope to see you there!

**APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY:** To remember the Dharawal people killed in the massacre of 1816. The ceremony takes place on **Sunday, 15 April 2012** at **Cataract Dam picnic area** from **12noon – 3.30pm.** Sausage sizzle lunch provided. The ceremony involves a short walk to the site so appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen and bottled water are highly recommended. Feel free to bring your own chair as seating is limited. Contact Aunty Muriel Brandy on 9605 4540, Uncle Ivan Wellington on 0447 581 306 or Sr Kerry Macdermott on 9605 1838.

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **Richard and Maryse** from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The family will say the Rosary at 4.00pm. Please see main notice board for the address details. **Pray the powerful prayer – "The Rosary" with the family and receive many blessings.** *Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.*

**READERS FOR MASS FOR APRIL 2012:**  
**Vigil Mass:** Catherine & Steve Robinson  
**8.00am Mass:** Julie Writer & Barry Daley  
**9.30am Mass:** Pesio Aiga & Chantal Berbari

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL for next weekend:**  
**Vigil Mass:** Chris O'Brien  
**9.00am Mass:** Meli Mauga (Commentator also)

**USHER'S for next weekend:**  
**9.00am Mass:** Ellen and Noel Laming

**FLOWERS for next weekend (Easter):** Ruse Devine Mercy group

**CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend:** Group 1: Kathy Donachie and Denis Wass (HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED)

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April (after the 9.30am Mass) Maureen Molland, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Christine Goodall and Pauline Menzies

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012**  
*(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)*

**First Holy Communion**  
*(Children Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation)*

**Parent Information Night** (Parents and Carers only)  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm – Parish Church  
**Classes** will commence week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.  
**Second Rite of Reconciliation** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm- Parish Church.  
Practice – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm – Parish Church  
**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** - Weekend Masses 9/10<sup>th</sup> June (6.00pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am)

**Confirmation**  
*(Children Year 6 and above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)*

**Parent Information Night** (Parents and Carers only)  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm – Parish Church  
**Classes** will commence week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.  
**Second Rite of Reconciliation** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.  
**Confirmation Practice** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.  
**Sacrament of Confirmation** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September (Mass time to be advised)

