

**Presentation of the Lord  
Year A  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014**



**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"*

**WELCOME:** Back to our Parish School Children who have commenced their new school year for 2014 during last week. We wish them well, and also to those Kindergarten children who will be commencing school this week.

**DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent/Carers Information 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 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Parent/Carer's Information night for **Confirmation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 6 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) **7.30pm in the Parish Church:** **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August:** Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation) **7.30pm in the Parish Church:** **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September.**

**LENT 2014**

**Ash Wednesday:** 5<sup>th</sup> March  
**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday evening during Lent commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Church  
**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Stations of the Cross  
The Passion of the Lord  
Evening Prayer of Divine Office  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)  
**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April:**  
Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

**"BEING HUMAN, BEING CHRISTIAN": A TIME TO GET INVOLVED:** Our parish is a small community and sometimes we can become lost in the shuffle. Being involved in one or our Parish Ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the people you see across the aisles at Mass. Please see Fr Tony or contact our Parish Office on 4628 2967 (during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine) for details about the many ways you can get involved. Why not make it your New Year's Resolution?

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS**

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital. **Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on 4628 2967 or speak to him in person after/before Mass to arrange a suitable visiting time.**

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Charles Dows (R.D.), Mary Writer, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch, Bernie Blackstock, and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

**SICK LIST:** Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Ellen Healy, Graham Wagg, Jack O'Sullivan, Ken Churchill, Leonie Lovell, Melanie Blessing, Tina Boyd and Tomas Laming.

**Belated PARISH BIRTHDAY for Last week:**  
26<sup>th</sup>: **Bill Fabry**

**Belated PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for last week:**  
25<sup>th</sup>: **Noel and Maree Laming (56 years)**

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**  
1<sup>st</sup>: **Margaret Davis**  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **Michael Carbonara**  
4<sup>th</sup>: **Bernie Walsh**  
6<sup>th</sup>: **Francesca Chow and Lachlan Munro**

**PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:**  
5<sup>th</sup>: **Michael and Cathy Bye (42 years)**

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Their first newsletter for 2014 is available for you to take home and see what is happening in our Parish Primary School. They are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church.

**ST THOMAS MORE RETIREE'S SOCIAL GROUP:** Dear Parishioner's, The Retire Social Group would like to invite Senior Parishioner's (over 55) to join us in the Hall after the 9.00am Mass on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February for a cuppa, chat and a laugh. We would like to Welcome more Parishioners. **Hope to see you soon Fellow Retiree's**

**RETIRED STAFF AND PARTNERS of Catholic Schools and the Wollongong Catholic Education Office:** Are invited to attend an informal lunch/social at Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal St, Wollongong on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon to renew acquaintances with former colleagues and their partners. For more information and/or confirmation of attendance please contact: John Tubridy on 4228 4474, Kate Quinn on 4234 124 or Mel Condon on 4232 2795.

**FRENCH MASS:** Next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> February) at 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Campbelltown.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:** 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com); [generalmanager@carmelite.com](mailto:generalmanager@carmelite.com) [www.carmelite.com](http://www.carmelite.com) Enquiries: (02) 8795 3400  
**February 7-9: Pondering the Ignatian daily "Examen Prayer" as an aid to self-discovery and ability to love. Fr Gerard Moran OCD.**  
The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience. Cost: \$220.00

**menALIVE BREAKFAST:** The next Breakfast is part of the National Catholic Man Breakfast Series and will be hosted by Bishop Peter Ingham at the Xavier Centre, cnr Crown St and Harbour St Wollongong. The theme 'Fire In Your Life' - 7.30am Sat 15<sup>th</sup> February \$15 per person. The invitation is to all men from 16 to 60+. The speaker is Robert Falzon founder of menALIVE - A Husband, Father, Businessman, and newly published author. Robert has a passionate belief that God wants each of us to experience life in all its fullness. Robert will explore what it means to stoke the fire in your life. To confirm your booking: Vince 0413 126 095, Jude 42 222 407, Peter 0418 123 824, Jeff 0422 000 623, Phil 0434 894 589.

**YEAR 7 -2015 INFORMATION EVENINGS:**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: John Therry Catholic High School** Please phone the School Office on: 4626 3322 for time etc  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Mt Carmel Catholic High School** Please phone the School Office on: 9603 3000 for time etc  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February: St Gregory's College** Please phone the School Office on: 4629 4222 for times etc  
For information for **St Patrick's College** please phone the School Office on: 4629 2999 for date, time etc.

**FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION Programs at CatholicCare:** Bookings are now open for a range of education programs to assist adults, children and young people develop and enhance healthy relationships and wellbeing. Call 4628 0044 Campbelltown to book into a course or go to [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au) to see what courses are being offered in 2014.

**CATHOLIC CARE ST PATRICK'S DAY RACING FUNRAISER:** Saturday 15 March, Kembla Grange Racecourse  
Tickets now on sale. Book today to avoid disappointment. Ph: 42271122 Email: [chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au)  
Web: [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au)  
*All monies raised will assist the Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) program - helping siblings of kids with a disability*

**JANUARY 2014**

**READERS:**

**Vigil Mass:** 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: **James Munro and Freda Miranda**

**9.00am Mass:** 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Noel Laming and Agnes Serfatu**

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

**USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Vigil Mass:** **Maureen Molland**  
**9am Mass:** **Barry Daley**

**CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 2:** **Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie**

**FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Christine Gomes**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS 16<sup>th</sup> February:** **The Tongan Community**

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** **The Rosary Statue will be in the home of Brian and Tresora for two weeks commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February. The family will be saying the Rosary on the Monday's at 7.00pm.** The address is on the main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

When you pray the Rosary in your home you are still a community at prayer. Have you considered celebrating praying the Rosary at home and inviting other parishioners to share this special time with you? Those interested in having the Rosary Statue (and/or would like more details) can contact the parish office on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable time you and your family would like to have our Parish Rosary Statue in your home.

**Parish Diary Dates:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the **Parish Hall**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Parish Ladies Group meeting and AGM at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:** Wednesday Prayer group will be returning after the 9.00am Mass (all Parishioners are most welcome)  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Opening School Year Mass at 9.30am **at** St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (all Parishioners are most welcome) in the School Hall  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Parents/Carers Information night for Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised) at 7.30pm in the Parish Church  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass, all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome (come along for a good laugh and chat)  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** at 10.15am in the Parish Church there will be a meeting for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion Acolyte's and Senior Server's.

