

## 5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

6<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### 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."*

The parishioners of our Parish would like to welcome Mr Mike Deasey – Diocesan Director for the Catholic Mission, who is here to speak to us about the Catholic Mission at all Masses this weekend. The Theme for this year is "Feed my body, feed my soul"

*"I was Hungry and you fed me"*

Matthew 25:35

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 8.00AM Mass



### PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

### PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Terry Martin (Anniv), Patrica Barker (R.D.), John Mayne (R.D.), Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Margaret Edgerton, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

### Diary Dates:

- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May meeting at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Parish Finance Council** meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group outing** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

### Parish Birthday for this week:

5<sup>th</sup>: Gwen Harris, Britney and Courtney D'Souza,

6<sup>th</sup>: Megan Mahanay and Joe D'Souza,

9<sup>th</sup>: Feyise Writer and Jessica Webster

### Wedding Anniversary for this week:

5<sup>th</sup>: Joe and Michelle D'Souza (22 years)

7<sup>th</sup>: Col and Marg Davis (48 years)

**CHURCH CLEANERS ROSTER:** Is due to end in the middle of May, and we urgently need new parishioners to join this Ministry. If you have a spare hour to help with this Ministry it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office during Office hours or speak with Fr Tony for more details. **Please help to keep our place of worship welcoming.** If you are already on the roster and would like to continue please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church.

**Thanking you all in anticipation.**

**READERS AND COMMENTATORS:** The current Readers'/Commentators' roster finishes at the end of June. If you are already a reader and you wish to continue or if you have considered joining this Ministry please put your name on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. If you do, you will be on the roster to read for a period of a month perhaps twice a year and to commentate approx. every 6 weeks. This is a commitment and at any time you are unavailable it is essential you let me know so as you can be replaced.

I will have a workshop for new or old readers who have not previously attended one and I look forward to seeing you.

*Many thanks Julie*

**PARISH WEBSITE:** Our Parish website can now be viewed, additional information will be added during the coming weeks. yes we are moving with the times we are also On Facebook, so please come and join.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE:** The Parish Ladies Group will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses this weekend for a \$1.00 per ticket. There are great prizes to be one. **Please support this Parish fundraiser.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please remember and keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the Vigil (6.00pm), 8.00am and 9.30am weekend Masses on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL RUSE/AIRDS CONFERENCE:** Would like to thank all the people who supported this fund raiser and we were very pleased that one of our parishioners won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize!!!

**DIVINE MERCY:** Every Sunday the Samoan Divine Mercy prayer group begins at 1.00pm in our Parish Church. All parishioners are most welcome. For more information please phone Maria on 9603 5106 or 0404929498. If you would like to help with donations of chips and/or poppers for their visit to Reiby Detention centre for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month please leave them either in the Church kitchen or at the Parish Office during working hours.

**MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST** Mass Preparation Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 May 2012 at 7:30pm at Xavier Centre, 2 Bond Street, Bellambi.** The annual celebration of the cultural diversity within our Diocese, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, occurs on Sunday, 26 August, 2012 and will be held at the Cathedral and St Mary Star of the Sea College hall. **Those interested in taking part in this celebration are invited to attend this first preparation meeting.**

**AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** You are invited to attend the next Macarthur Social Justice Network meeting in our Parish Hall next Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> May) from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. The cost is a \$2.00 donation. This meeting will feature a presentation by Glen Powell from the Sydney Alliance. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning at 2.30pm in our Parish Hall.

### Day Retreat for Young People: Saturday 19 May

**"Send Forth Your Spirit"** A day of fellowship, prayer and reflection on the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives that enables us to live truly as sons and daughters of God. (Mount Carmel Retreat Team) Time: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Tea/ Coffee provided, Bring your own lunch) Cost: \$ 10 Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566 : tel. no. 9603-1433, retreats@carmelite.com/webside: [www.carmelite.com](http://www.carmelite.com)

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL - A TIME TO CELEBRATE – STALLS, MUSIC, RIDES, SPEAKERS, FOOD.** You are invited to join the Diocese on **Saturday, 26 May 2012 at John Therry Catholic High School, Rosemeadow**, any time between 10.00am and 4.00pm, to celebrate the many gifts and opportunities we have to participate in the life of the Church. This festival day promises to be a wonderful witness to the life and vitality that exists within our Catholic community with rides for the children, many stalls, music, keynotes, showcases and a whole array of food from the many cultures in our Diocese. **So save the date in your calendars now!**

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE FAITH & LIFE E-NEWSLETTER?** The Faith & Life eNewsletter is a new monthly email newsletter from the Diocese of Wollongong focussing on all things Catholic. It's a particularly great resource for those involved in ministries in the Church. In addition to feature articles each month, the eNewsletter contains regular articles such as Diocesan Calendar of events and activities etc: Sign up now at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) before the May edition is released next week! You can also view the prior month's eNewsletters.

**COUPLE'S WEEKEND RETREAT** at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park from Friday evening, 1 June to Sunday afternoon 3 June 2012. Cost: \$180 each. Telephone (02) 4630 0233, email [towersretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:towersretreat@bigpond.com) or visit <http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au>

**RECEIVING ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – FORMATION DAY** on **Saturday 9 June, 9.30am – 2.00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Varroville.** All of us are involved in initiation, whether it be through offering a welcome cuppa, preparing the liturgy or sharing our faith through prayer and instruction. In one way or another we have all be welcomed and initiated into our community. This day will help deepen our understanding of this ministry of initiation to which we are all called. It will provide some practical suggestions on how we can

enhance this ministry within our own parish communities and offer a model through which the Church invites us to use in developing the faith of those who wish to join our church. **Morning tea and lunch provided. For further information and RSVP by Wed, 6 June please contact Darren McDowell at [darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@woll.catholic.org.au) or telephone 4253 0985.**

**The Parish Rosary Statue** will be in the home of **John and Kathleen** from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The family will say the Rosary at **11.00am**. Please see main notice board for the address details. *Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.*

### READERS FOR MASS FOR MAY 2012:

Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie & James Munro  
8.00am Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Tim Logue  
9.30am Mass: Vela Andrews & Maryse Parisi

### COMMENTATORS for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Steve Robinson  
8.00am Mass: Bill Fabry  
9.30am Mass: Meli Mauga

### USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required  
8.00am Mass: Karen and David Mahanay  
9.30am Mass: Helen Rawson and Chris Reddy

### FLOWERS for next weekend: Maree

**CHURCH CLEANING for next weekend:** Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May (after the 8.00am Mass) Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie and Maureen Hennessy

### 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)*

**Classes** will commence today (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)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*The good steward lives the advice of St John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it. In order to accomplish this task we must remain connected to the true vine, Jesus and the community of faith. In doing so we will begin to 'return with increase' to the Lord the gifts which he has graciously bestowed upon us, thus giving glory to God*