

12th October 2014



28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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.

CATECHIST SUNDAY:

This week-end our parish is celebrating Catechist Sunday.

Catechists come from all walks of life to ensure that all the children of our Parish hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching! Can you give around an hour of your time a week (during School Terms) to teach or help out in a classroom? *Celebrate with us this week-end the gift of the Catechist ministry and please speak to our Parish Priest or one of the Catechists if you would like to get involved.*



WISHING ALL THE STUDENTS OF OUR PARISH WHO WILL BE SITTING THEIR HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS IN THE COMING WEEKS ALL THE VERY BEST

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Tina Ting, Dexter Harris, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, 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 and Tomas Laming.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lewellyn Cotter (R.D.), Baby Chomicz (Anniv), Joy Gardoll, Marcelle Shalhoub, Derek Lavocah, Bernard Hoffmann, Emil Avila, Alex Serdoz, Rita Simbulan, Henry Supierz, Marie Lamiel, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Jack O'Sullivan, Stan Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.*

ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED IN THE SACRISTY: *Urgent regular assistance* is required ASAP. If you have an hour of your time to spare on Saturday mornings after the 8.00am Mass (at 8.30am) to help with this Parish Ministry it would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Freda on: 4628 4907

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.

PARISH BIRTHDAY for this week:
11th: *Marion Cross and Catherine Minogue*
12th: *Wilfred Miranda*
14th: *Ronald Fredericks*
15th: *Therese Berbari*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:
16th: *Maria and Alfred Hill (33 years)*

OUR PARISH LADIES GROUP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE (all over the age of 18) **ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH:** To a Parish Social BBQ on Saturday 25th October from 7.30pm onwards (or if you are attending the Vigil Mass (6.00pm) come on over to the Parish Hall. BYO Alcohol and meat. Salads, supper, tea/coffee will be supplied. Come along and have a fun filled evening with some games included. *For catering purposes there is a clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church.*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current roster is about to run out for this year. If you have thought about joining this friendly Parish Ministry, please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church (ramp side) (please also put your name down if you are continuing to be part of this Parish Ministry). *All you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome parishioners. We currently have this Ministry once a month (not in December or January).* We thank the ladies (and gentlemen) who have helped in this Parish Ministry as you have put smiles on many Parishioners faces and helped to form new friendships.

PARISH THANKYOU: REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS MINISTRY: *Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Christine Foreman, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill, Colleen Jablonskis, Rita Jowsey, Catherine Minogue, Maureen Molland, Carmel Munro, Maryse Parisi, Helen Rawson, Yvonne Reddy, Amanda Romeiro, Tongan Community and Julie Writer.* *We thank you for your gift of time and talents for this Parish Ministry.* *"The hospitality of Refreshments after Mass is an important way to develop friendships with other parishioners."*

EXTR-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: There is a **training and refresher workshop** for this Parish Ministry on Saturday 25th October in the Church at 9.30am – 12.30pm (morning tea will be provided). This Ministry training will be led by Paul Mason (from the Office of the Bishop). If you would like to become a member of this Parish Ministry or would like more information please phone Bev on: 4625 0659. There is also a clipboard at the entrance of the Church for recording your name etc.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Returns today during the 9.00am Mass. This is for school children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. This is held each Sunday during the School Term.

PIETY STALL: 2015 Columban Art Calendar is now available at \$9.00 per calendar. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL: Our parish will be holding this annual Catholic World Mission Appeal next weekend. *Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.*

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: The 1st newsletter for Term 4 is available on the tables at the Entrance of the Church. Please take a copy home and find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Today Sunday 12 Oct – 9am – 3pm. Funds raised will enhance the specialised education for 146 students in the School; older students who join the Living Skills' program in 4 Group homes and Early Intervention therapy sessions for 165 babies and pre-schoolers with special needs. Come along and make a difference to their lives.

FRENCH MASS: to be celebrated at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown today (Sunday 12 October) at 6:00pm.

MASS AT VARROVILLE CELEBRATING 500 YEARS SINCE ST TERESA'S BIRTH: Everyone is invited to join a celebration in honour of the 5th Centenary of St Teresa's birth. St Teresa was born 28 March 1515 and the Discalced Carmelite Community are inaugurating the Centenary Year with a special Mass on 25 October 2014 at 2.00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville. Grab a flyer at the back of the Church for more details.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Hazel and Hector* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 6th October to Sunday 19th October.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Mondays at 5.00pm.** Their address is on the main noticeboard at the side of the Church. *Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.* The purpose of this Ministry is to increase prayer within our Parish. Parishioners involved in this Ministry are prepared to open their home for fellow parishioners to join them in saying the Rosary. *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659*

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: 18th Oct: Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: 19th Oct: Fay and Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 25th Oct: Bertha Berbari
9.00am Mass: 26th Oct: Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: 18th Oct: Louise Phillips and May Michelutti
9.00am Mass: 19th Oct: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: 25th Oct: Pam and Phil Kenyon
9.00am Mass: 26th Oct: Jim and Tess Writer
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS
Saturday 18th Oct: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community
Saturday 25th Oct: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: 18th Oct: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: 19th Oct: Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: 25th Oct: HELP NEEDED
9.00am Mass: 26th Oct: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Year 2

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER: Tongan Community

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 14th October:** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 15th October:** Parish Finance Council meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 21st October:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 23rd October:** Retiree's Social group gathering *after the 9.00am Mass*, all Retiree's over 55 are encouraged to come along (*come along for a cuppa, laugh, chat and companionship*) in the Parish Hall.
- **Saturday 25th October:** Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion Training at **9.30am -12.30pm** in the Church (morning tea is provided).

