

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year B



21st December 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

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.

Christmas Reconciliation Timetable:

Wednesday 24th December:

1st Rite of Reconciliation: 4:30-5:30pm

Christmas Mass Timetable

Wednesday 24th December: (Christmas Eve)

6:30pm: Christmas Carols

7:00pm: Vigil Mass

11:30pm: Christmas Carols

Thursday 25th December: (Christmas Day)

12 midnight: Christmas Night Mass

8:30am: Carols

9:00am: Christmas Day Mass

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for Christmas:

Vigil Mass: 24th Dec: Trish Newman, Louise Phillips and Bev McKenzie

Midnight Mass: 25th Dec: James Munro, Bertha Barbari and Karenne Harvey

9.00am Mass: 25th Dec: Catherine Minogue, Jim Writer and Julie Writer

Readers for Christmas:

Vigil Mass: 24th Dec:

1st Reading: Keiran Minogue

2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful: Julie McKenzie

Midnight Mass: 25th Dec:

1st Reading: May Michelutti

2nd Reading: Cody Benes

Prayers of Faithful: Maria Feher

9.00am Christmas Day Mass: 25th Dec:

1st Reading: Christine Foreman

2nd Reading: Agnes Sevatu

Prayers of Faithful:

Wishing all our school students, staff and their families a very happy and restful Christmas and all the very best for the coming year.

ROSE SUNDAY (Parish Family Mass) THANK YOU:

To the many Parishioners who helped with the preparing of this Parish Family Mass. It was good to see so many people attend and join the in refreshments after the Family Mass in the Parish Hall. Thank you also for the donations of food, for the serving and cleaning up after the Morning Tea. A spirit of Parish Family Community was felt.

Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our

Parish Community including: Nathan Bethally, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, 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, Tomas Laming, Mary Fredericks and Reno Zamprogno

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Jim McKenzie (Anniv), Mary McInerney (Anniv), Maura Hutton (Anniv) and Maria Cabonara. *May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

Parish Birthdays for this week:

21st December: Jeff Cross

24th: Daphne Pew and Abigail Minogue

26th: Jim Writer

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 LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Thank you to the many Parishioners and visitors to our Parish who have supported this Christmas Raffle (Parish Fundraiser), good luck to all. The winners will be announced next weekend in the bulletin.

JESSE TREE: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:

“This is a special Christmas thank you message from your conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. During 2014 we have been encouraged by your support of the: Winter Appeal, Recruitment drive, Assist a Student weekend, the Jesse Tree and much more.

Many of our members are involved in several Parish Ministries but our encouragement really comes from your generous support.

There are many needy families in the Ruse/Airds area but with your help we have been able to make a difference. Please be assured, these families are very grateful and it helps them to know that the St Thomas More Catholic Community is thinking of them.

We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Ruse/Airds/Kentlyn/Wedderburn St Vincent de Paul Conference

PARISH POWER POINT CREATIONS: *Help is needed to set up a Power Point Creation Team. If you have experience in creating Power Points (you are the person we are looking for). Training and support will be given. Please phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967 for more details. Please consider being a member of this Parish Ministry. These are created in keeping with the Mass/Liturgy themes and overall liturgical rubrics of the Church*

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.

PIETY STALL: Those last minute Christmas ideas, eg 2015 Columban Calendar, Christmas Cards etc. We have a great variety of stock available for Christmas gifts.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of the School Newsletter, the last one for 2014.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: The Wisdom of Teresa

Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2015, Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD
Cost: \$220 (concessions available), Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
Contact: 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au. Divine Friendship: spiritual guidance in prayer, holiness and mission from the writings of St Teresa of Avila.

CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY – NOW OPEN

It is with great pleasure we seek expressions of interest for enrolment in the Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy commencing in February 2015. This course provides practical knowledge, skills and approaches, in liturgy for people who take active roles in preparing, coordinating and leading liturgy and liturgical music in parish and school. This course is modelled on the Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy previously offered through the Catholic Institute of Sydney. A flyer is attached with further information on course content and duration. Expressions of interest in enrolling in the course are invited by contacting Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION 2015 – A GREAT SUMMER RETREAT!

What are you doing this summer? A week long retreat for young people wanting to grow in faith and share the Christian challenge with others. Theme: “Let Your Light Shine” 1 Peter 3:18. Includes lectures and seminars, prayer, music, loads of fun and new friends. Held at Bathurst (11-18 January 2015). Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community for over 25 years. For ages 16-35. For more information see www.summerschool.org.au.

RETIRED STAFF AND PARTNERS of Catholic Schools and the

Wollongong Catholic Education Office: Eighth Annual Social Gathering, 12 noon Friday 13 February 2015 Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal Street. Retired Staff (and Partners) of Catholic Schools and the Catholic Education Office in Wollongong or other Catholic Dioceses are invited to attend an informal lunch/social at Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal Street, Wollongong to renew acquaintances with former colleagues and their partners. For more information and/or confirmation of attendance please contact: John Tubridy: 4228 4474 jtubridy@optusnet.com.au; Kate Quinn: 4234 1254 or Mel Condon: 4232 2795

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 9.00AM MASS: This will be returning in February. Thank you to the many people who are members of this Parish Ministry and also to the Parish Ladies Group who continue to support this Parish Ministry.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

During the Christmas Season and School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until February 2015. I take this opportunity thank the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2014. I wish them and their families a joyful Christmas and God’s Blessings. Saying this great prayer, the family Rosary every day brings peace in the family- “The family that prays together stays together”.

Thank you and God Bless, Fr Tony and Bev.

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 27th Dec: Louise Phillips and Bertha Barbari

9.00am Mass: 28th Dec: Karenne Harvey and Catherine Minogue

Vigil Mass: 3rd Jan: Maureen Molland and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: 4th Jan: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau

READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

Vigil Mass: 27th Dec: Louse Phillips and David Minogue

9.00am Mass: 28th Dec: May Michelutti and Maureen Molland

Vigil Mass: 3rd Jan: Andrew James and James Munro
9.00am Mass: 4th Jan: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 27th Dec: Group 5 : Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 3rd Jan: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Colleen Jablonski, Rosa & Manual Herrera

USHERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 27th Dec: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: 28th Dec: Brian and Gwen Harris

Vigil Mass: 3rd Jan: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: 4th Jan: Christine Foreman

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 27th Dec: Julie

Saturday 3rd Jan: Christine and Carmel

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN THE DIOCESE:

Please visit www.christmas2014.dow.org.au for all Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times in the Diocese.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” — “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” — that the promise finds fulfilment.

