

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Year B
11th January 2015



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.

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.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED:

Our parish is a small community and sometimes we can become lost in the shuffle. Being involved in one of 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?

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Leo Cornwell, David Eccleston Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, 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 Zamprognio

PLEASE PRAY FOR: the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Eileen Daly (Anniv), John McInerney (Anniv), Colin Foley (Anniv), Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

Birthdays for this week:
13th Jan: Jerome Astruc, Michael (Kerry) Hooton and Isabella Nakasenh

Wedding Anniversaries for this week:
12th Jan: Jim and Julie Writer (52 years)
13th Jan: Bret and Karen Metcalfe (8 years)

PARISH ROSTERS: Parish Rosters are available collection for the Cleaners, Refreshments after Mass, and Flower Arrangers. If you are a member of these Parish Ministries your roster is available from the main table at the entrance of the church.

THIS WEEK'S 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.

FRENCH MASS: Is this Sunday 11 January 2015 at 6:00pm at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown.

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, 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.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY COURSE: Tuesday 10 February St Columbkille's Parish Meeting Room, Corrimal (9am-3:30pm). Are you keen to develop personal knowledge, understanding and skills in developing caring relationships? Are you caring for someone who is frail, aged or living with a disability? Are you interested in becoming part of a pastoral care ministry team within their community? This basic training in pastoral care provides a comprehensive introduction for people to develop their understanding and ability to care for those in their communities who are aged, grieving, frail, housebound, living with a disability or generally in need of pastoral support. Registration essential by **Friday 7 Feb** to: Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

Communion under both kinds
Drinking from the chalice is the preferred method of receiving the Blood of Christ because of the Lord's command: Take and Drink. If intinction is used, it is the minister who dips the host in the chalice and places it in the communicant's mouth. GIRM 286-287

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 tubridy@optusnet.com.au; Kate Quinn: 4234 1254 or Mel Condon: 4232 2795

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING: ACOLYTES, ALTAR SERVERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 21 February: St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown (10am – 4pm)

This training is essential for those who wish to become acolytes within the Diocese of Wollongong and especially important and useful for those desiring to bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or housebound. For registration please contact Helen Bennett: **18 Feb (Macarthur venue)** at helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403. Any enquiries to Paul Mason at paul.mason@dow.org.au or 4222 2462

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY – SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Our first Diocesan Assembly for 2015 will be held on **Saturday 7 March** from 10am – 1:30pm at St Mary's Star of the Sea College Hall Wollongong. The focus for this assembly will be our revised Diocesan Pastoral Plan. More information will follow soon but please keep this date in your diary.

WAIT ON THE LORD We sometimes put off thinking about vocation, or what God wants, instead putting our energy into other areas. God is calling; we need to prioritise our response. Pray, talk with others, find out what God wants. Please contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

LENT 2015:

Ash Wednesday: 18th February
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening during Lent in the Parish Church

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 2nd April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3rd April:

Stations of the Cross

The Passion of the Lord

Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 4th April:

Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 5th April:

Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 2nd February: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting (1st for 2015) in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 3rd February: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class (please note change of day in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 9th February: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting (1st for 2015) in the Parish Centre

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 17th Jan: Bertha Barbari and Winnie Cameron

9.00am Mass: 18th Jan: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: 24th Jan: Louise Phillips and Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: 25th Jan: Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: 17th Jan: Bev McKenzie and Julie McKenzie

9.00am Mass: 18th Jan: Chris Vine and Rosalie Vine

Vigil Mass: 24th Jan: Bev McKenzie and Julie McKenzie

9.00am Mass: 25th Jan: Chris Vine and Rosalie Vine

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday 17th Jan: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 24th Jan: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James Munro and Carmel Munro

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 17th Jan: Maureen Molland

9.00am Mass: 18th Jan: Karenne Harvey

Vigil Mass: 24th Jan: Help Needed

9.00am Mass: 25th Jan: Barry Daley

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 17th Jan: Francesca Chow

Saturday 24th Jan: Melanie and Elaine

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Through Baptism Jesus gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly, kingly and prophetic work calling them to "offer up the world and all that is in it — especially themselves — to the Lord of all."

