

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KIND of the UNIVERSE
Year B
22nd November 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 ramps going into the Church and 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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO MASS?: Members of our Parish Community visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish Office (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

NOVEMBER: Is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. 3 conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions (*Norm 15,7*)
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All the Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the sacred space. Please notify either Fr Tony or the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Mia Rose* and *Olivia Grace Ruggiero* who were Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To *Andrew Linton Taylor* and *Felicia Fichera* who were Married in our Parish Church last Saturday. Wishing them God's Blessings throughout their lives.

Please continue to keep in your prayers those currently sitting any Exams from our Parish (and their families).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: A total of 6 nominations have been received. The Nominees are: *Valerie Francois, Andrew James, Julie McKenzie, Annette Read, Kim Sami and Michael (Mike) Young.*

As these Parishioners being the only nominations received, there is no need to conduct an Election this weekend. These 6 Candidates may consider that they have been declared representatives to the Parish Pastoral Council unopposed.

They will take up their representation of Parishioners on the Parish Pastoral Council in early 2016.

The final makeup of the Parish Pastoral Council including appointments of representatives of the various Communities and Parish Roles are: Parish Finance Council, St Vincent de Paul Conference, Parish Stewardship, Parish Catechist Co-Ordinator, Readers and Liturgy Co-Ordinator's, Sacristan's, Acolyte's/Altar Server's, Principal, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, P & F Representative from St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Tongan Community, Samoan Community and Syro-Malabar Indian Community.

Further names regarding the above appointments to the Parish Pastoral Council are to be advised.

God Bless and thank you for your prayerful support in renewing our Parish Pastoral Council
Fr Tony

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ASSIST A STUDENT SCHEME APPEAL: Your St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank the Parish for supporting the recent Assist a Student Appeal. It is still possible to contribute and brochures can be found at the back of the Church. It is important to note that donations are now "tax deductible."

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree and Noel Laming, Betty White, Rita Jowsey, Bernie Smith, Stevie Dilen, Bill Eccleston, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

Parishioner Birthday for this week:

25th: *Steven Robinson*

27th: *Vicki Horne*

If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or ruse@dow.org.au

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Will be on sale in a couple of weeks. We have 4 terrific prizes, tickets will be \$1.00 each. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive): At the Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during School Terms.

ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms. (The last Playtime for 2015 will be on Tuesday 1st December). **Attention: Parents/Guardians and Grandparents,** if you have any children/grandchildren under School age and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Christmas Jesse Tree is in the Parish Office Foyer. If you wish to take tags, please come to the Parish Office during Office hours. The Jesse Tree will be in the Church from the 1st week of Advent – 28th November.

CHRISTMAS PARISH WORKING BEE: To ready our Church for Christmas, there will be a working bee held on Saturday 12th December 8.30am (after the 8.00am Mass) until approx. 12.30pm. Morning tea and BBQ lunch will be provided. A list of jobs to be done will be available next weekend. **Many hands make light work. Please keep this morning free.**

CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 13th December: (3rd Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday). We will be celebrating also our Parish Family Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS: 22 NOVEMBER 2015: This week on *The Journey* Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Feast of Christ the King; Sr Hilda Scott OSB speaks of God's love for us, Sam Clear challenges us to forgive, Bruce Downes talks about finding your "True Identity" and Byron and Francene Pirola the importance of our "Marriage Vows." Tune into PULSE 94.1 FM on Sun at 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 3-5 December 2015: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** in **Adelaide**. This is for those from Year 9 through to 25 years of age, and is an excellent opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. Contact Seth Harsh at the Youth Office on 02 4222 2460 or email: seth.harsh@dow.org.au

YEAR OF MERCY BEGINS: Pope Francis officially opens the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in Rome with the Opening of the Holy Door of St Peters Basilica on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday 8 December, 9:30am - 12:30am Rome time. In the Diocese of Wollongong Bishop Peter Ingham will open the Holy Door of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Wollongong on Sunday 13 December, 10:30am - 12:00 noon. Full details and parish resources for celebrating the Year of Mercy are available on the Diocesan website at <http://www.liturgydow.org.au/year-of-mercy.html>.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The purpose of the 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*

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 24th November: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the Parish Centre, you are welcome to come along and see the good works that St Vincent de Paul carry out
Wednesday 25th November: 7.30pm Parish Liturgy meeting in the Parish Centre, to discuss the Christmas Liturgies
Tuesday 1st December: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Thursday 3rd December: 9.30am (after the 9.00am morning Mass) Retiree's Social Group gathering (Retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 28th Nov: *Winnie Cameron and James Munro*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 29th Nov: *Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson*
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Dec: *Bertha Barbari and Bev McKenzie*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Dec: *Faye and Junior Faamau*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: Saturday 28th Nov: *Pauline and Gabbie Menzies*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 29th Nov: *Andrew Truong and Maria Feher*
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Dec: *Gabby Menzies and James Munro*
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Dec: *May Michelutti and Barry Daley*

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 28th Nov: Group 2: *Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Eugene Wasko and Barry Daley*
Saturday 5th Dec: Group 3: *Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro*

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 28th Nov: HELP NEEDED
9.00am Mass: Sunday 29th Nov: Barry Daley
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5th Dec: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Sunday 6th Dec: Christine Foreman

FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

28th Nov: Julie Writer
5th Dec: Christine Foreman and Carmel Munro

THANK YOU TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS IN THE VARIOUS PARISH MINISTRIES for the giving of their time and talents for our Parish. You are **greatly** appreciated. *Acolyte's, Sacristan's, Church Cleaner's, Musician's (all Choir's), Powerpoint Creator and Operator's, Reader's, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Usher's, Parish Counter's, Flower Arranger's, Catechist's, Sacramental Team, Children's Liturgy Teacher's, Baptism Preparation, Refreshments After Mass, Communion to the Sick/Elderly, St Vincent de Paul, Parish Ladies Group and the many other Parish Groups.*

God Bless and thank you

Fr Tony

