

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH
Year B



28th 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.



We welcome all visitors to our Parish and in particular those who are visiting family and friends in our Community at this special time of the Christmas Season

FR TONY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to welcome everyone who is visiting our Parish at this Christmas Season.

I would also like to thank the many parishioners who through their continued support, prayer and activities in the many Ministries of our Parish have promoted the growth of our Parish into God's Kingdom.

Wishing you, your families and friends the Blessings of the Christ Child this Christmas that will last the whole year through.

Fr Tony Daly
Parish Priest

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.

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Doreen Monckton, Mary Louise 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 Zamprogno

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

Wedding Aniversaries for this week:
27th Dec: Steven and Catherine Robinson (17 Years)
29th: Hector and Hazel Bernardino (54 years)
30th: Russell and Christine Goodall (25 years)

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Genevieve Lily Collins* who was Baptised last weekend.

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 lucky winners are:
1st Bill George, 2nd: Catherine Minogue, 3rd: Munro Family, 4th: Barry Daley, 5th: Les Patterson, 6th: Colleen Jablonskis and 7th: Les Patterson. Thank you to the Parishioner who donated the last 3 prizes (bottles of Champagne)

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 THANK YOU

I would like to personally thank the many people who contributed to the Christmas Celebrations of our Parish. The Acolytes, The Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, The Sacristans, the Flower arrangers, The Grounds people, the Cleaners, the Readers, the many Musicians, the helpers and participants, the Ushers/Greeters, the Powerpoint creators and those who worked the Powerpoint during the Masses and the Parish Counters. *Fr Tony Daly*

PARISH POWER POINT CREATIONS: *We are still in need of help 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.

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.

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



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: 3rd Jan: Maureen Molland and Bev Mckenzie
9.00am Mass: 4th Jan: Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: 10th Jan: Trish Newman and James Munro
9.00am Mass: 11th Jan: Helen Rawson and Julie Writer

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

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

Vigil Mass: 10th Jan: Andrew James and James Munro
9.00am Mass: 11th Jan: Barry Daley and Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK

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

Saturday 10th Jan: Tongan Youth Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 3rd Jan: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: 4th Jan: Christine Foreman

Vigil Mass: 10th Jan: Vicky Horne
9.00am Mass 11th Jan: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 3rd Jan: Christine and Carmel
Saturday 10th Jan: Christine Gomes

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.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FAMILY

Let us pray
[for peace in our families]
Father,
help us to live as the Holy Family,
united in respect and love.
Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

