



31st May 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: (The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist): Please keep the Candidates, their families and their Teachers in your prayers. **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be Celebrated next weekend (6th/7th June) at both the Parish Masses and the First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00am.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11th September 2015. Candidates have to be in Year 6 and above and have to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. **Parent/Carer's Information and Enrolment Evening is Wednesday 29th July at 7.00pm in the Parish Church.**

Parishioners Belated Birthday:
29th May: Patrick Barbari

Parishioners Birthdays for this week:
30th May: Karin Daley
5th June: Bill George and Eugene Menzies

Parishioners Anniversaries for this week:
4th June: Maryanne and Ronald Fredericks (52 Years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Candice Walker, Adde Liban, Brian Harris, Chris Noyce, Maree Laming, Ethan Craig, Amy Jablonskis, Karenne Harvey, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Leslie Michelutti (R.D.), Alice Harris (Anniv) Donagh Keane, George Pew, Gertrude Peters, Paul Riddell, Mary Writer, Michael Burns, Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara.

May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: 9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays in our Parish Hall during school terms. Attention Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, everyone welcome. If you have children including under School age children 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**

THANK YOU TO THE PARISH LADIES GROUP: For all their good work for last Sunday's High Tea. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended. Our Parish is truly Blessed to have this Parish Ministry and for the work they do in our Parish. Ladies of our Parish please think about joining this Ministry. You are invited to come along to their meeting this Monday evening (1st June) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. **Come share a cuppa, and enjoy the friendship of meeting other Ladies in our Parish.**

FOR READERS: The current Readers' Roster ends in July. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church and you will have the opportunity to have your name on the new roster. If you have previously been on the roster, or if you have been considering joining this Ministry please add your name to the list (clipboard on the table at the main entrance of the Church). I congratulate the young people on our current roster who read so well and invite anyone in Year 5 or over who wishes to read, please add your name to the list too. There will be a Readers' workshop held when the new roster goes out and if you haven't already been to one I look forward to meeting you there. **Many thanks Julie**

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parishioners and visitors please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is currently running the usual Winter Appeal up until 14 June 2015, seeking donations of cash and/or food.

There are envelopes on the seats at Mass each weekend during the Appeal, if you prefer to make a cash or credit card donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1st or 2nd collection.

Importantly, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provide warm meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area. The Centre's needs include: Tinned tuna/ meat, Tinned spaghetti/ baked beans, Tinned soup/ meals, Tinned fruit, Milk powder/ condensed milk, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder Hot chocolate/ Milo, Tea/ coffee/ cordial, Plain and self-raising Flour, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, Beef stock cubes and any herbs & spices. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and Socks etc.

If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. There will be baskets at the back of the church at each Mass until 14 June 2015.

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. **One Day retreat: "Love is his meaning" Julian of Norwich.** An opportunity to discover more about this little known this little-known 14th Century English mystic. Presenter: Mrs Sheila Upjohn Where: When: June 6 (10am - 4pm) Cost: \$20

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament of Feast of Corpus Christi, next Sunday, 7th June at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. This is for all Parishes in the Macarthur Region, and Bishop Peter Ingham will preside and preach. Please join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

WEEKEND AWAY FOR YOUR MARRIAGE: Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! **19-21 June, 11-13 September, 13-15 November.** Venue for Weekends: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. To apply contact: Ardell & Bill Sharpe Tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au, www.wwme.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters — the heirs — of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfil Our Lord's command to "go . . . and make disciples of all the nations."

MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE-INTRODUCTION TO LITURGICAL MINISTRY: This is an introduction for all who participate in the Church's liturgy. It provides a foundation upon which to build an understanding of the various ministries that serve the Church at prayer. This is being held in our Parish Hall on Saturday 1st August (session 1 and 2 combined) from 10am-1pm. The cost is \$10.00. For enrolment registration contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 42222 403. For further information visit: www.litury.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: Saying this great prayer, the family Rosary every day brings peace in the family. "The family that prays together, stays together".
If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Monday 1st June: 7.30pm Parish Ladies Group meeting in the Parish Centre, all ladies are most welcome
Tuesday 2nd June: 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Centre
Thursday 4th June: from **9.30am** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome)
Tuesday 9th June: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome.

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th June: Trish Newman and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th June:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th June: Bertha Barbari
9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th June: Catherine Minogue and Helen Rawson

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th May: Julie Writer
9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th June: Noel Laming
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th June: Julie Writer and Bill George
9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th June: Noel Laming

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS
Saturday 6th June: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 13th June: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'aiu Faamau, Colleen Jablonskis, Rosa and Manuel Herrera

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 6th June: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Sunday 7th June: Christine Foreman
Vigil Mass: Saturday 13th June: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Sunday 14th June: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:
Saturday 6th June: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
Saturday 13th June: Julie Writer

