

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
16th September 2012

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."

PARISH NAME TAGS: Don't forget to wear your parish name tag (on the table at the main entrance of the Church), for making yourself known to other parishioners. If you require one please put your name down on the clipboard beside the name tag holders and it will be available for the following weekend Masses.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Marilyn Fabry, Kay Burton, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Marcia Davis, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Bob Cheetham (R.D.), Ruth Condan, Christina Craig, Frank Davis, Laurie Keevers, Gilbert Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, Emil Avila, John DeVillie, Lina Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Derek Lovocah, Chris Conway, Joe White, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovio Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Martin, Limita Rodrigues, Patrica Barker, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch and Jim McKenzie,

Parish Birthdays for this week:

18th: Daniel Webb
19th: Marilyn Fabry and Ellen Healy
20th: Christopher Robinson
21st: Brian Harris

Wedding Anniversary for the week:

20th: Michael and Bernadine Walsh (43 years)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for 46 Candidates

was celebrated last Saturday. Thankyou to all who prepared the Candidates for this Sacrament to complete their initiation into full membership of the Catholic Church.

Thank you to the many people who prepared the Church, the Powerpoint, the Musicians and the Church grounds. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.
Fr Tony

Diary Dates:

- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 25th September at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 27th September (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 1st October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 1st October at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome, ladies come along for a chat, cuppa and a laugh

2013 COLUMBAN CALENDAR: Is now available from the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each, we have plenty in stock. By buying this edition of the calendar and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar makes an excellent gift for family or friends.

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY GROUP: Invite Parishioners to join them in their Devotional Prayers in the Church from 1.00pm to 3.30pm every Sunday afternoon.

For more information phone Maria 9603 5106 or 0404 929498. If you would like to help with donations of chips and/or poppers for their visit to Reiby Detention centre for the 3rd Sunday of the month it would be greatly appreciated.

MARK THE DATE: (SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER) after the 9.30am Mass there will be a PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFARE in the Parish Hall:

If your group would like to have a stall, or for more information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967. There is a clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church, please put your name and contact details down with a suggestion of your group or what you would like to bring along to our Multicultural Foodfare. This is a fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTICES:

Newletters: Please take a copy home to read about what is happening in our Parish Primary School. Copies are available for parishioners at the entrance tables of the Church.

DIOCESAN JOURNEY MAGAZINE: The new edition is now available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. This edition contains: an account by one of our seminarians on why belief in God is rational in the face of the claims of the New Atheism as well as regular updates from parishes and schools. Please pick up your free copy today.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION:

You can now register for this national event that is being hosted here in our own Diocese from **Friday, 21 September to Sunday, 23 September 2012**. Head to acymc.org for more information or to register and make sure you check out the promo video at www.youtube.com/acbcyouth. If you have any further questions please contact Loretta on

4253 0809 or email youth@dow.org.au.

PRO-LIFE PARISH SEMINAR. Family Life International will be hosting a seminar day on **"The Defence of Life and Family in the 21st Century – a Christian Response"** at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow on **Saturday, 22 September 2012. The day will commence with Mass at 10.00am followed by talks, and conclude at 5.00pm.** Speakers will be: Paul Hanrahan, Executive Director of Family Life International (Australia); Eamonn Keane, Teacher, university lecturer, author; and Wanda Skowronska, registered psychologist, counsellor. The focus of the day will be 'Life, Marriage and Family' with special attention to the protection of life from conception to natural death. An invitation is extended to all parishes in the Macarthur Deanery and anyone else who may be interested.
BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided.

ALTAR SERVERS CONFERENCE: The Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers will hold its altar servers' camp from **Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 September** (first week of school holidays) at **The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops**. The youth camp will celebrate the Year of Grace. Day participants possible. Final day held in Jamberoo. For more details, see Parish Office for a form or contact the National Secretary, Miss Karen Man, on 0433 765 400 or Fr Danai Penollar 0417-259-617. www.guildofststephen.org.au

PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE 23-25 SEPTEMBER 2012

As part of the Year of Grace, the Church in Australia has organised a pilgrimage of a relic of Saint Francis Xavier throughout Australia. The pilgrimage aims to help us contemplate and imitate Christ by contemplating the life of Saint Francis Xavier, one of the foremost Church missionaries and evangelisers and a significant exemplar of the imitation of Christ. The pilgrimage itinerary is on the noticeboards at the entrance of the Church. **Our Parish will have Mass at 8.30pm – 9.30pm (Sunday 23rd September) and then overnight Veneration after Mass until 6am (Monday 24th September)**

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN - RESTRUCTURING OUR PARISHES:

The work on this project is progressing well. The timeline however, has been extended to allow wider involvement and engagement with the process from people across the Diocese. The Parish Education Sessions will now be held in February and March 2013 and the Regional Consultations will be held in April. Bishop Ingham will make an announcement on the future Parish Structures in the Diocese on the Feast of Pentecost, 19 May. All parishioners will be invited to be part of the process and will receive more information prior to the end of the year.

PRIESTHOOD – A WAY OF LIFE WHICH COULD BE FOR YOU:

Sometimes we only think of a priest in terms of what we see them do at Mass on Sunday. Priests have a rich and diverse life which includes sharing in the high and lows of families and individuals at privileged times. Does this way of life speak to you? **To know more contact Fr Richard**

Healey on priesthood@dow.org.au or 0401 621 591, or visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood>

TRUCE: Is a 7 week program for young people who have a parent with cancer – this is a free program run by Canteen Counselling Services, in partnership with CatholicCare for young people (14-22 years). For more information please contact Esther Davis on 1800 234 007 or email truce@canteen.org.au or go to www.truce.org.au

YOUNG MEN OF GOD NATIONAL CONFERENCE (Theme: "The Lord is my Strength"), Friday 12 – Sunday 14 October 2012 at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Park for men aged 16-35. Registration forms are available on the noticeboard near the Church kitchen.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Jean and George from Monday 17th until Sunday 23rd September.** The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 11.00am.** Please see main notice board for the address details. *Please collect the statue from the church on the weekend and return it the following weekend. Thank you.*

READERS FOR MASS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012:

Vigil Mass: James Munro & David Minogue
8.00am Mass: Kerry Hennessy & Tim Logue
9.30am Mass: May Michelutti & Therese Writer
(Could the 2nd reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required
8.00am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris
9.30am Mass: Christine Foreman

Flowers: Devine Mercy Group

Church Cleaner's: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Eugene Wasko, Kathy Donachie and Arthur Michelutti.

STEWARDSHIP

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In the second reading today, St James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. Indeed, the Gospel message impels us to 'lay down our life' for the sake of the Kingdom. Sharing in Jesus' mission we too are called to put our faith into action, taking up our cross and following him, putting our faith into practice.

The **Mass** is made up as it were of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These two parts are so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass the table both of God's word and of Christ's Body is laid, from which the faithful may be instructed and refreshed. *GIRM 26*

All must **Listen with reverence** to the reading of God's word, for they make up an element of greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from the Sacred Scripture God's word addresses all people of every era and is understand-able to them, nevertheless, a living commentary on the word, that is, the **Homily**, as part of the liturgical action, fosters a fuller understanding and effectiveness of the word. *GIRM 29*

