

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
23rd 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.

Reminders:

Sunday 7th October: Daylight saving begins (don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour)

Change in Mass time:

Saturday 6th October: Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday 6.00pm) no change

Sunday 7th October: From today our Parish will only have 1 Sunday Mass at 9.00am.

We wish all school children a very safe and restful holiday. Our prayers are also with the students who will soon be commencing their Higher School Student and also to anyone else who will commence exams.

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 DeVille, 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:

Brian Ricketts (R.D.), Chris Wagstaff (R.D.), Bob Cheetham, Ruth Condan, Christina Craig, Frank Davis, Laurie Keevers, Gilbert Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, Emil Avila, John DeVille, 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:

23rd: Maureen Hennessy

26th: Hayley Radzieta

27th: Seth McMurray

28th: Ivanna Goodall and Adam Newman

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Nicholas Kenneth and Maddeline Paisley McNeill** who were Baptised last weekend.

Diary Dates:

- **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. This is the last one for Term 3.

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 you your free copy today.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - DIOCESAN LAUNCH

We celebrate Social Justice next Sunday, 30 September. The 2012-13 Social Justice Statement is titled *'The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: the Social and economic challenges facing families today'*. The Statement asks Catholics to think about these challenges and to give

special consideration to the most vulnerable people in our society. Join Bishop Peter Ingham at the 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Parish, 2 Aquamarine Drive, Eagle Vale where the Statement will be launched.

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.

POSITION VACANT: The Abbey, Jamberoo is seeking to appoint a **Cook**, working approximately four days per week from 8.30am till 1.30pm, at times cooking for up to 30 people. **Please contact Sr Hilda on 4236 0628** (leave a message if Sr Hilda not available).

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.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME: Has been broadcast by the Ten Network since August 1971. The show's basic premise is to allow viewers to connect with a Sunday Mass from their homes. It is viewed by thousands of people across Australia every Sunday at 6.00am and repeated on the Aurora Channel on Foxtel on Sundays at 10.00am and during the week. Viewers are often those who are isolated from the usual parish celebration: through age, distance, disability, illness or imprisonment. If you are unable to attend Mass for any reason, you may enjoy viewing this wonderful program and connecting with the Mass from home. Mass For You at Home is also Auslan Interpreted for the Deaf.

Mater Dei School Camden: Is in need of Casual Teachers who live in the Macarthur region. Experience in teaching students with special needs is not a pre requisite as the school offers support and guidance to new casual teachers. An application form can be downloaded from the school website www.materdei.org.au or you can contact Karen Taylor on 4654 8728 after Monday Oct 8 2012.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of Beryl from **Monday 24th until Sunday 30th September**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 4.00pm**. 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 OCTOBER 2012: (there is now a revised Reader's Roster due to the change in Sunday Mass times commencing Sunday 7th October)

Vigil Mass: Catherine and Nathaniel Robinson
9.00am Mass: (7th & 14th) Maria Feher and Cody Benes
(21st & 28th) Pearce Nelson and Sarah Wright

(Could the 2nd reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne
8.00am Mass: Kerry and Maureen Hennessy
9.30am Mass: Help required

Flowers: Julie

Church Cleaner's: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, Pauline Menzies, Carmel and James Munro

Refreshments after Mass: Sunday 7th October after the 9.00am Mass – help and donations are greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP

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Today's readings invite us to reflect on power and greatness. To be truly great is to direct all our desires towards God and God's will for our lives. A heart turned towards God will be peaceful, compassionate and kind with no trace of hypocrisy or partiality.

