

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
30th September 2012

Social Justice Sunday

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.

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."

Reminders for Changes next weekend:

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.

The Parishioners would like to welcome Fr Terry Herbert MSC who will be celebrating our Parish Masses with us this weekend.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Barbara Milanta, 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, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Brian Ricketts, Chris Wagstaff, 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, Maclovía 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:

1st: Manuel Herrera
4th: John Berbari

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community Harper Ann Rae and Izach Joji Turaganivolo who were Baptised last weekend. Also to Andrew Pele who was Baptised, made his First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the week.

Diary Dates:

- **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
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 9th October at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul
- **Parish Finance Council** meeting Wednesday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 11th October (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good 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 9.00am 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.

COUNTER'S AND REVISED READERS ROSTERS: Are available for collection on the table at the side entrance to 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 your free copy today.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN - RESTRUCTURING OUR PARISHES : 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.

FEAST OF ST THERESE OF THE CHILD OF JESUS: On behalf of the Carmelite Nuns, Varroville (St Andrews Rd) all parishioners are invited to celebrate with them on Monday (1st October) the Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus at 11.00am Mass. Please bring a picnic lunch and tea/coffee is provided.

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.

CatholicCare Pastoral Care Course: Every Monday for eight weeks from 8th October, 2012 to 26th November, 2012. From 9.30 am to 3.30 pm At Micah House (next door to St John's Presbytery), Cordeaux St Campbelltown. If you would like to attend this course or if you would like more information: Please contact Carmen Karauda the Aged Care Advocate for the Wollongong Diocese. On 4640 8515, mobile 0448 930 287 or email carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
If you would like to learn about pastoral care and acquire some pastoral care skills, or if you would like to be part of a Pastoral Care Team visiting older people in your Parish Catholiccare is offering a Pastoral Care Training Program to be held one day a week for 8 weeks . Course topics include, what is pastoral care? communication and listening skills, grief and loss, dementia, spirituality and Eucharistic ministry, Spirituality and ageing and palliative care

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of James and Carmel from **Monday 1st October until Sunday 7th October**. The family will say the Rosary on **Tuesday at 7.30pm**. 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: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson

Flowers: Christine Gomes

Church Cleaner's: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fa'aiu Faamau, Lina Tino, Tino Maututia and Leesha Bell

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

Prayer for Social Justice

Lord Jesus, Carpenter and King, supreme Sovereign of all men, look with tender mercy upon the multitudes of our day who bear the indignities of [injustice](#) everywhere. Raise up leaders in every land dedicated to Your standards of order, equity, and justice. Grant unto us, [Lord Jesus](#), the [grace](#) to be worthy members of Your Mystical Body, laboring unceasingly to fulfill our vocation in the social apostolate of Your Church. Sharpen our intellects to pierce the pettiness of prejudice; to perceive the beauty of true human brotherhood. Guide our minds to a meaningful understanding of the problems of the poor, of the oppressed, of the unemployed, of all in need of assistance anywhere. Guide our hearts against the subtle lure of earthly things and undue regard for those who possess them. May we hunger and thirst after [justice](#) always.

Living today in the way of St Francis Xavier

To be an authentic Catholic Christian today would include the following, to:

- **Commit your life to Christ**
- **Pray Daily**
- **Learn about the Bible and Tradition**
- **Participate in Parish community and ministry**
- **Join a small group**
- **Give generously**
- **Share your faith**
- **Serve people in need, act for justice**

Reflect on your own life, how you live out your Christian life and pray for God's abundant grace so that you can live a life fulfilled by a close relationship with Jesus Christ.