

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
14th October 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."

YEAR OF GRACE, YEAR OF FAITH

While planned independently of each other (the Year of Grace is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops in response to local issues, while the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict is a call to the universal Church) both have as their goal a renewal of faith in Jesus Christ. The Year of Grace invites us into a spiritual journey of encountering Christ afresh in our lives through prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, celebrating liturgies, repenting of our failures and listening to the voice of the Spirit. The Year of Faith (commenced on 11 October) calls us into a deep renewal of our faith through retracing the history of our faith, studying the Catechism, praying the Creed and seeking to be an active witness of what we believe. These two impulses of the Holy Spirit complement each other and provide opportunities for us to discover and nurture the gifts of 'grace' and 'faith' at work in our lives.

Please keep in your prayers all the students who will be commencing their Higher School Certificate Exams this week.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Colum Brennan, 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 DeVillie, 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:

Robert Brown (R.D.), Chris Wagstaff, Ruth Condan, Christina Craig, Frank Davis, Laurie Keevers, Gilberto Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, Emil Avila, John DeVillie, Lina Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Derek Lovocah, Chris Conway, Joe White, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovia 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:

15th: Therese Barbari & Jason Inkster

Wedding Anniversary this week:

16th: Alfred and Maria Hill (31 years)

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Jayde Louise Wallace** who was Baptised last weekend.

Diary Dates:

- **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Parish Food fare** Sunday 21st October in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 25th October (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 30th 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 MULTICULTURAL FOODFARE: Will be held in our Parish Hall next Sunday after the 9.00am Mass. This is a fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this. Some examples of food that will be for sale are: Indian, Samoan, Tongan, cakes etc. There will be tea and coffee also for sale. **We look forward to seeing you all in the Parish Hall to support this Parish Fundraiser.**

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED: This Parish Ministry is held during the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. Currently we have 3 ladies who are members of this Ministry. We need a few more members so we are able to continue this Ministry at all 9.00am Masses (during the School Terms). For more information please phone Christine on: 4626 7475. Thank you to those who will give of their time for the Children's Liturgy, all the information is provided.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Newsletter is available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please take one and find out what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN: Please see Fr Tony or phone The Parish Office on 4628 2967 during business hours for more details.

DO YOU 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 (4628 2967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

PARISHIONERS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED: Being involved in one of our parish ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the people you see across the aisles at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or see Fr Tony, for details about the many ways you can get involved.

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR: Come along to the Mater Dei Country Fair today (Sunday 14 Oct). It has a great community spirit and you will be contributing to the education of children with intellectual disabilities.

ANNUAL REGIONAL CATECHIST RETREAT:

Theme: Year of Grace: Is tomorrow (Monday 15th October) at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre (415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park) from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Morning tea is provided, please bring a packed lunch. For more details email: cindy.oliver@woll.catholic.org.au

INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS: You are invited to join the Carmelite Family on the Feast of St Teresa of Jesus foundress & Doctor of the Church. At Carmel of Mary & Joseph 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Mass will be tomorrow (15th October) at 11.00am, please bring a picnic lunch, tea/coffee will be provided.

MINISTRY TRAINING: "Proclaiming the Word" – A Course for Readers : Saturday 3 November 2012, 10.00am – 2.30pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown **RSVP essential** to Helen Bennett via email helen.bennett@woll.catholic.org.au or telephone 4253 0934. **Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.**

WHAT'S GOD LOOKING FOR? Sometimes we can ponder our search in life for what brings fulfilment. Let us never forget that God is seeking us. "The word of God is alive and active." (Hebrews) What does God want us to be? What does God want us to do? God loves us so much and believes we have so much to offer. Pray to God this week about your own life journey. Maybe it is time to talk to someone about vocation. Maybe you can offer them advice. Maybe they have advice to offer you.

Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, You have chosen the parish as the vehicle by which You encounter us in our daily lives. The parish is the assembly in which your Word is proclaimed, your Eucharist is celebrated, your people are united in a local community and subdivided into smaller groups so that they may become the agent of change for the betterment of the whole Church. Make our parishioners aware of the many opportunities and responsibilities that are theirs as witnesses of You to our age. Keep us open to our need of your love and fellowship. Let both religious and laity work together to serve You in others. Amen.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Hector and Hazel** from **Monday 15th October until Sunday 21st October**. 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: 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: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Ellen Healy and Noel Laming

Flowers: Francesca

Church Cleaner's: Group 6: Tongan Youth Group

All must LISTEN WITH REVERENCE to the readings of God's words, 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 understandable 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

The homily is a means of bringing the scriptural message to life in a way that helps the faithful to realize that God's word is present and at work in their everyday life. Verbum Domini (2010) 59

