

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
11th November 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.

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: All the Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends of all our Parishioners. We will record all the names that have been given in the Parish Book of Remembrance, set up in the sacred space. Please notify either Fr Tony or Carmel in the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Elaine Hoffman, 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, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

Please also keep in your prayers all the students/adults who are currently doing exams.

Parish Birthday for this week:

11th: Maryanne Fredericks
12th: Elaine Hoffman
14th: Maeghan Robinson
16th: Cherbeau Webb

Wedding Anniversary for this week:

11th: Kelvin and Gloria Eggert (62 years)
12th: Bill and Kristine George (35 years)

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Olivia Rachel Gulisano* who was Baptised last weekend.

Diary Dates:

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 13th November 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 14th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 22nd November (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh

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.

PARISH PIETY STALL: Have available for sale St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$7.00 per packet of 10 cards.

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK: For Advent and Christmas Seasons 2012-2013. The book contains 6 minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year C. These are available from the Piety Stall for \$4.50 Each.

FIRE WOOD: We have lost a few dead trees behind the Hall, so there is plenty of firewood available for free. Just contact the Parish Office or Fr Tony for assistance.

REMINDER TO READERS: *Please check your roster so that you know when you are to read and therefore be prepared and present to do so. There have been many masses during the year when readers have not been there and replacements have to be found at the last minute. If you are unable to read, please find a replacement or contact Julie on 4625 7744. Remember to, to carry the book in the entrance procession and place it on the Lectern from the side. Many thanks*

EARLY NOTICE – CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL
ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Once again we are appealing for your generosity during our Christmas Toy Appeal which will begin in December during Advent when the Jesse Tree goes up in the church. With this early notice we hope to receive any toys early in Advent (1st December onwards) so we can sort and deliver them before the children break up from school. We also ask that you **don't** wrap the presents to make the sorting easier. We are appealing for toys for babies through to 12 year olds. There are many needy families in our area who are all very appreciative of these gifts. **Thank you for your generosity to the poor in our area.**

CLAIM THE DATE – Stamp Club Auction –
Wednesday 12 December : Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul

The Campbelltown Stamp Club will be holding an auction of collectables (stamps and bric-a-brac) on Wednesday, 12 December in the church hall. The proceeds of this auction will be kindly donated by the Club to the Ruse St Vincent de Paul Conference. Please support this venture. More details later.

FRENCH MASS: To be held at St John the Evangelist Church, cnr Lindesay and Cordeaux St, Campbelltown (today) Sunday 11 November at 6.00pm.

VATICAN II CONFERENCE – AN EVENT OF GRACE
Saturday 17 November at, Chevalier College, Bowral – **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

MENALIVE DIOCESAN WEEKEND FOR MEN IS SOON! – REGISTER NOW. At times living out your faith can be pretty tough and most of us need help. It is a full day Saturday (go home Saturday Night) and again Sunday, finishing at lunch time. Come along and be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose for your life. If you are a man over 15 up to 85+ consider this: on **Saturday, 17 to Sunday 18 November.** Experienced leaders from Brisbane will be running a menALIVE weekend for the Wollongong Diocese. Hosted by the West Wollongong Parish it will be held in the Parish school hall, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong. For further details and registration forms contact Jeff 0422 000 623 or Vince 0413 126 095.

RCIA TEAM & COORDINATOR GATHERING: Wednesday, 28 November, 7.30pm - 9pm, in our Parish Hall. All those involved in initiation ministry are invited to attend this round of gatherings focusing on resourcing and implementing the vision developed through the review process that occurred over the past nine months. Please **RSVP Helen Bennett on 4253 0934** or helen.bennett@dow.org.au by **Monday, 19 November**

CATHOLIC MISSION POCKET DIARIES 2013

Catholic Mission diaries for 2013 are now available from the foyer of the Campbelltown Catholic Club. Catholic Mission thanks all parishioners for their prayerful and financial support of the recent World Mission Sunday appeal. The appeal remains open. Donations can be made either online at www.catholicmission.org.au or by telephone with credit card details to 1800 257 296.

MATER DEI SCHOOL'S RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM: Is seeking Permanent, Part Time and Casual Social Educators to work with students aged 12 to 18 years who participate in the Living Skills Program. The shifts include before school, after school and evening rosters which may include a sleepover. A detailed role description and application form can be obtained at www.materdei.org.au

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Bev** from Monday 12th November until Sunday 25th November. (Please note that the family will be having the Rosary Statue for 2 weeks). The family will say the Rosary on Monday **at 7.00pm**. Please see main notice board for the address details. **Please collect the Rosary Statue from the church kitchen on your weekend and return it the following fortnight. Thank you.**

READERS FOR MASS FOR NOVEMBER 2012: (there is now a revised Reader's Roster due to the change in Sunday Mass times):

Vigil Mass: *Bev McKenzie and Bill George*
9.00am Mass: (18th & 25th) *Maureen Molland and Christine Foreman*

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: *Carmel Munro*
9.00am Mass: *Karen and David Mahanay*

FLOWERS: *Samoan Divine Mercy Group*

CHURCH CLEANER'S: Group 4: *Maureen Molland, Fa'ai Faamau, Leesha Bell, Lina and Tino Maugututia.*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 18th November: *Carmel Munro, Helen Rawson, Christine Foreman and Rita Jowsey.*

GROW WITH GOD

Grace is a gift from God that enables us to live more fully in union with Him. It strengthens our desire to choose good over evil. It also helps us to manage difficulties in our lives better. When we feel humility, compassion, forgiveness we're putting others' needs before our own. These are signs of God's graces working within us. When we let Him work through us, we help Him to do the same for others. We can show His love for others in how we treat them and in how we pray for them.