

Feast of the Holy Family

30th December 2012



O God, who were pleased to give the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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."

Fr Tony's New Year's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parishioners for your ongoing support and assisting me as your Parish Priest.

Wishing you, and your families and friends a Happy, Holy and Gifted New Year for 2013.

*"With hope and confidence let us concentrate our efforts on the one great mission we actively share: to actively Love God and neighbour, and to be God's presence in our world".
(2012 - Year of Grace message Archbishop Phillip Wilson)*

Fr Tony
Parish Priest

This week the Catholic Church also celebrates the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Mary, Mother of God

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, That we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy To receive the author of life, Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Parish Birthday for this week:

4th: Nathanael Robinson

Wedding Anniversaries for this week:

29th: Hector and Hazel Bernardino (52 years)
30th: Russell and Christine Goodall (23 years)
3rd: Joe and Therese Berbari (42 years)

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Maurya Hutton, Ev McInerney (Anniv), Jim McKenzie, Mary McInerney, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Dr Ken Saw, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Jim McKenzie, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, Chris Wagstaff, John DeVille, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Elaine Hoffman, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Kay Burton, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Phillip Conroy, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU

We would like to thank the generous parishioners of St Thomas More for their wonderful response to our toy drive for the needy. Our members had a big night of sorting presents into family groups and another morning of delivering them. There were over 36 families who were very grateful for this help, some with very large families. This time of year can be very difficult for some families and to spread a bit of joy was a privilege which we were happy to do on your behalf. We wish you all a happy and safe New Year.

DO YOU KNOW 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 could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish office either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport.

DONATION OF ANY PETROL DOCKETS: If any parishioners have any **non-expired dated** petrol dockets that would enable purchase of discounted petrol for use for the needy in our area. These can also be left in the grey bin marked "missions" at the entrance of the Church.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS - A TIME TO GET INVOLVED: Our Parish is not a small community and sometimes we can become lost in the shuffle. Being involved in one of our Parish Ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the folks you see across the aisles at Mass. Please see Fr Tony or contact our parish office (4627 2968) for details about the many ways you can get involved. Why not make it your New Year's resolution?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR JANUARY:

We give thanks, God of Wonder,
For the marvels of creation that surrounds us.
And for all the wonders of life we have known.
Let us see
Your glory, Your justice and Your peace.
May our lives and our world be reawakened
By the power of your grace.
God of pilgrims,
We gather together to praise and bless You.
Your name is Faithful One
And Your love is everlasting.
We have come to experience Your love
In many ways as life's pilgrims.
We thank you for the Spirit You breathe into us,
A wandering Spirit, for eyes that guide us,
For feet that plod the paths for occasional signposts
When we have lost our way.
We thank You for Your love
Which gives our journey meaning and direction.
You bless us with your Divine restlessness.
You prod us from our complacency.
You urge us down roads
We do not feel strong enough to travel.
You support us with co-travelers who bolster us
when we despair,
Who refresh and renew us
When we think our last step is just that.
For all those pilgrims who have gone before us
And pointed the way to You,
For Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, and Miriam,
For David, Ruth, Esther, Solomon and Isaiah.
We give You thanks, loving God.

Amen

Parish Rosary Statue: During the Christmas Season and School holidays. The Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners homes until February 2013. I take this opportunity to thank the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes during 2012. I wish them and their families a joyful Christmas and God's Blessings. Saying this great prayer the family Rosary every day will always bring peace in the family - The family prays together stays together.

Thank you and God Bless Fr Tony



READERS FOR JANUARY 2013:

Vigil Mass: David Minogue and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: (6th & 13th): Meli Mauga and Julie Writer
(20th & 27th): Chris and Rosalie Vine

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

FLOWERS: The Samoan Divine Mercy Group

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 5:
The Samoan Divine Mercy Group

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy.

Such participation by the Christian people as a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people' is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

*In the reform and promotion of the liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit.....
Sacrosanctum Concilium 14*

Lent and Easter Celebrations for Liturgical Year C

13th February Ash Wednesday
29th March Good Friday
30th March Easter Saturday
31st March Easter Sunday

