

The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Year B
24th June 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."

Congratulations Parishioners

This Monday (25th June) is the 26th Anniversary of St Thomas More Catholic Church opening as a Parish in 1986. Fr Tony will be celebrating Mass at 9.00am followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to come and celebrate.

Our Parish School is also 34 years of operation.

The Parish of St Thomas More, Ruse would like to congratulate Don Spencer on his new appointment as Principal of Mary Immaculate, Eaglevale. Don will commence his new appointment at the beginning of next term. We thank Don for all his hard work as Principal of our Parish Primary School and the support he has given to our Parish as Principal for the last 6 ½ years and as an active parishioner for many years before that. Thank you Don

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Chris Comray, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Jim Writer, 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, Theresa Cruz, Phillip Conroy, Alphonso Zammit, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Frank Zachulski, Maclovia Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Gino Lumagui, Delma Hooton, Alice Harris, Christine Hudson, Joseph Rodrigues, Terry Martin, Limita Rodrigues, Patrica Barker, John Mayne, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch, Jim McKenzie, Lina Pereira, John McFeeters, and Robert Deville.

Diary Dates:

- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 26th June at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Parish Finance Council** meeting Wednesday 27th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 2nd July at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 2nd July at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**
- **Retiree's Social Group** meeting Thursday 5th July after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall (**retiree's over 55 are most welcome**)

Parish Birthday for this week:

22nd: Chloe Radzieta, 24th: Barry Daley,
25th: Rachel Bartolo 26th: Gabby Menzies and
28th: John Dacron

Fellow Parishioners,

We have a problem! I cannot do a Reader's'/Commentators' roster when I have insufficient names. To date we have only **three** volunteers for the Vigil Mass and **five** for 9.30am Mass. It is unfair on volunteers to tie them down every week-end but that is what happens when there are so few. **If you have the faith, please consider becoming a reader. God gave us all voices and He will give you the confidence if you have the faith.**

The clipboard will be at the back of the Church for the next two weekends. If you have been away, just forgot or took some time to decide, please add your name to the list to become a reader or to continue in this ministry. The workshop date will be in the bulletin.

Many thanks Julie

ST PAULS MISSALS: The new Sunday and Weekday Mass Missals are now available. Orders can be placed at the Parish Office. We have arranged a special price for a bulk order of \$35 per Sunday Missal and \$65 for the Weekday Missal. To take advantage of this special price arrangement, payment with your order is required.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE: Is on Sunday 5th August. More details to follow next week.

OUR CHURCH, OUR PROBLEM, OUR FUTURE

St Thomas More Church Ruse's Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are united in their belief in the importance of our Church and the need to safeguard its future.

A joint meeting this week reinforced the thoughts that we cannot afford to be complacent or take what we have for granted. Instead, with the number of practicing Catholics on the decline – not just in our Parish and Diocese but Worldwide – we need to be on a constant lookout to keep our Church and beliefs vibrant and relevant.

We have to forget about the way things were or used to be done: the Church's message of Jesus' love and celebrating his 'real' presence amongst us to be delivered through methods and means significant to this generation. St Thomas More Parish, Ruse is renowned for its welcoming and friendly atmosphere. We ask that you continue that spirit of welcome, but also renew your commitment to give St Thomas More your emotional, physical and financial support - through Prayer, the Church Ministries and the Collections each week.

We welcome any comments or feedback from any Parishioners who wish to do so, and these can be put into the Suggestion Box at the back of the Church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

The Planned Giving Envelopes for next financial year are available at the entrance of the church. If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the table near the envelopes. You can either drop the completed forms in the collection baskets or into the Parish Office.

POSTPONEMENT – INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: The Diocesan installation for acolytes and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion have been postponed, details of the new dates will be announced shortly.

St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal:

For our Winter Appeal this year we are appealing for **cash and food**. There will be envelopes on the seats at Mass if people would like to leave a cash donation. Just put the envelope in the plate. We will also leave envelopes at the back of the church for the next few weeks.

We are again also collecting food for the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown where they supply freshly made meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely. These meals are supplied every day at lunch time and on Wednesdays at dinner time. It is a service that is vital for our community and your donations will be very gratefully accepted.

They would like donations of: Cans of tuna, Jars of bolognaise sauce, Rice, Pasta, Tinned fruit and Tinned soup. Nappies are also a necessity and would be appreciated. There will be baskets at the back of the church for the next few weeks.

Thank you for your generosity.

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: The winter edition is available from the tables at the back of the Church. Could each family please take a copy and find out what is happening in our Wollongong Diocese.

ENCOUNTER EVENING – FOLLOWING CHRIST

16 to 35 years old? Looking to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Wanting to know which way to go in your life? Meet, pray and share a meal with other seekers; listen to those who have encountered Christ and the amazing ways in which they follow him today. **Tuesday, 26 June, 6.30pm to**

9.30pm, St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown. Contact Cameron Smit on 4253 0823 or email cameron.smit@woll.catholic.org.au

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of Colleen from **Monday 25th June** until **Sunday 1st July**. The family will say the Rosary on **Monday** 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 JULY 2012:

Vigil Mass: Louise Phillips & Bev McKenzie

8.00am Mass: Jim and Julie Writer

9.30am Mass: Freda Miranda & Noel Laming

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required

8.00am Mass: David and Karen Mahanay

9.30am Mass: Pesio Aiga

FLOWERS for next weekend: Francesca

CHURCH CLEANERS for next weekend: Group 2:

Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko, Kathy Donachie and Arthur Michelutti

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: Sunday 15th July (after the 9.30am Mass) Maureen Molland, Pauline Menzies, Maryse Parisi Christine Goodall and Catherine Minogue

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2012

(Enrolment for all Sacraments will require the presentation of a Baptism Certificate)

Confirmation

(Children Year 6 and above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

Parent Information Night (Parents and Carers only)

Wednesday 1st August at 7.30pm – Parish Church
Classes will commence week beginning Sunday 5th August at 3.00pm – Parish Hall and will conclude week beginning Sunday 26th August.

Second Rite of Reconciliation Thursday 30th August at 7.30pm- Parish Church.

Confirmation Practice Friday 7th September at 5.00pm – Parish Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday 8th September (Mass time to be advised)

Year of Grace – National Prayer

Gracious God, You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice. With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen,