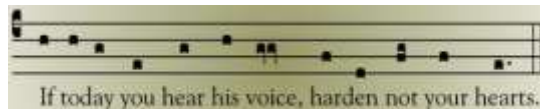


27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
6th October 2013



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"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: May Ford, Lilly Levine, Janice Ayers, Jack O'Sullivan, Ellen Healy, Kathryn Primmer, Melanie Blessing, The Liban family, Candice Walker, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann and Ken Churchill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Br Coman Sykes, Evelyn Camilleri, Ruth Condan, Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVille, Violet Francisco, Emil Avila, Derek Lavocah, Irene Mahanay, Gloria Carlon, Lina Pereira, Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Irene Mahanay, John Fusco, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Ivy and Bill Foley, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Maclovia Herera, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital.

Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable visiting time.

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to welcome back all our Parish School students from restful school holidays and would like to wish them the very best for their last term for 2013.



PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Tuesday 8th October** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00am in the Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 8th October** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Thursday 10th October** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall a 9.30am (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- **Saturday 12th October** Acolyte's meeting at 10.30am in the Parish Centre
- **Saturday 12th October** Extraordinary Minister's and Acolyte's meeting in the Parish Hall at 11.30pm
- **Saturday 12th October** Parish Wine and Cheese Night from 8.00pm in the Parish Hall (over 18), come along for a fun evening
- **Tuesday 15th October** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 16th October** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

11th: Marion Cross & Catherine Minogue

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:

9th: Bill and Maureen Molland (37 years)

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. (Direct Debit and the envelope system are available). **As you are aware envelope monies pay for the running of the parish but the parish is more than bricks and mortar. We are constantly invited by the Lord to move from maintenance to mission.**

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Kobe David Dykes** who was Baptised last weekend.

PARISH WINE AND CHEESE EVENING next SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER: *The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a wine and cheese night in our Parish Hall next Saturday from 8.00am . All Parishioners and their friends over the age of 18 are invited. A great night will be enjoyed by all. For catering please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. A great night is promised. See you there*

PIETY STALL: The 2014 Columban Art Calendar is available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. When you buy the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting us in meeting the needs of the poor. Also have a look at the Religious goods for sale on the Piety Stall.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS: (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) conducted by the Franciscan Friars, The annual blessing of animals will take place at the Parish of St Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul at 9.30am tomorrow (Monday 7th October). All animals and their carers are welcome.

INTERPRETED MASS FOR THE DEAF: St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown Parish provides an Auslan interpreted Mass for the Deaf community at 9.00am each Sunday. For further information, please contact Rebecca Miller email Rebecca.miller@dow.org.au or mobile: 0419 152 310

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

Fridays, October 11 – November 15, 9:45am – 2pm, St Thomas More Church, Acacia Ave, Ruse
Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. In the Gospel of Luke we meet Jesus, the compassion of God. This gospel contains the great stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the Walk to Emmaus. Through reflection on this Gospel we come to a deeper understanding of Pope Francis' call to be a church of and for the poor. Over six week we will explore and reflect upon the great treasures this Gospel holds for our lives today. **Registrations are essential to: Darren McDowell, cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463**

Dr Richard Hardy: Will be speaking on Saturday 12 October : **At Mount Carmel Retreat Cente, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. From 9.30am – 4.00pm \$30.00 per head. Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee will be provided. The topic will be "St Teresa of Avila and the Our Father". Bookings are essential! Please phone 87953400 or email: retreats@carelite.com or www.carmelite.com**

Richard Hardy studied in the United States, Canada and obtained his Doctorate from the University of Strasbourg in France. He was a Professor of Spirituality at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada for many years. He is the author of several books and articles on Spirituality, including *John of the Cross: Man & Mystic*. He gives workshops, retreats and conferences on Carmelite spirituality with a particular focus on St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Avila. *Of all of Teresa of Avila's works, The Way of Perfection is the most easily understood. Written at the height of the controversy surrounding the reforms Teresa instituted in the Carmelite order, it instructed the nuns in the practice of prayer. Teresa discusses the three essentials of a prayer-filled life – fraternal love, detachment from material things, and true humility. Her counsels on these are the fruit of her practical experience. The book develops these ideas and takes up directly the matters of prayer and contemplation. Teresa gives various maxims for the practice of prayer and concludes the book with her masterful and impassioned version of the Lord's Prayer. "How is it that Thou canst give us so much with Thy first word?" she says of the "Our" at the beginning of that prayer.*

HARTZER PARK PRAYER DAY THEME: LISTENING DEEPLY – SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2013: To be held 9.30am-3.30pm at Hartzler Park, 25 Eridge Park Road, Bowral
Presenters: Sr Jenny Kirby FDNSC and Sr Margaret Fahey FDNSC Cost: \$20.00. RSVP: 12 October 2013 by contacting Sr Jenny or Cathy on 48613223

Pastoral Care & Community Visitors' Training

Mondays 21 October – 9 December, 9:30am-3:30pm, at St Michael's Parish, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drv Thirroul
To Register Contact: Carmen Karauda Diocesan Aged Care Advocate 4640 8515 or 0448 930 287 or email: carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au or Nicolle Anderson-Brown Community Visitors Scheme Coordinator Ph: 4254 9342 or 0418 483 413 or email: nicollea@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK: Cemetery and Crematorium: Open Day 2013: Saturday 26th October 2013 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please see flyer on notice board for more information.

TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL LITURGY CONFERENCE – Wollongong 15-18 January 2014

REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS TILL END OF SEPTEMBER: This national conference is being held locally at Wollongong so we can take full advantage. Renowned composer and liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international Keynote speakers. We will hear from over thirty speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy and music. Full details of the conference and online registration process are now available at www.liftupyourhearts.com.au. GST free pricing for parishes and other members of the Catholic GST Group.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of **Chris & Yvonne** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 7th to Sunday 20th October.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 6.00pm.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

READERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Vigil Mass: **12th & 19th:** Bill George and James Munro

9.00am Mass: **13th & 20th:** Maria Feher and Cody Benes

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

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Help required
9am Mass: Gwen and Brian Harris

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3: Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, Carmel and James Munro

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: Sunday 20th October: Maureen Molland, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Julie Writer

HOLY COMMUNION

The more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful... receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is strongly endorsed. (Vatican 11, SC 55)

It is most desirable that the faithful...receive the Lord's body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the instances when it is permitted, they participate in the chalice so that, even by means of the signs, communion will stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated. (GIRM 85)

