

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
3rd November 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"

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)

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 relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

GLUTEN FREE ALTAR BREADS: If you require Gluten Free Hosts could you please see Fr Tony *before* Mass so as they are available for you at Holy Communion.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Monday 4th November** Baptism preparation class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 4th November Parish Ladies Group meeting** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 6th November Parish Liturgy Meeting** (to discuss Family Mass and Christmas) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Sunday 10th November after the 9.00am Mass Parish Multicultural Food Fair in the Parish Hall**
- **Tuesday 12th November St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Thursday 14th November Retiree's Social group gathering** after the 9.00am Mass (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome, come along for a chat, cuppa and a laugh) in the Parish Hall.

We ask that the Parishioners of our Parish keep in their prayers the students who are currently sitting their HSC exams and to the many people who are also doing exams.

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 or speak to him in person after/before Mass to arrange a suitable visiting time

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Is during the 9.00am Sunday Mass (during School Terms), School aged children from Kindergarten to and including Year 6 are most welcome.

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

PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFAIR: Next Sunday 10th November after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall; 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, Chinese, Tongan, cakes etc. There will be tea, coffee and soft drink will also be for sale. For more details either contact Freda on: 4628 4907 or the Parish Office on 4628 2967. *We look forward to seeing you all in the Parish Hall to support our Parish Fundraiser.*

CLAIM THE DATE: Saturday 23rd November: A Parish bus trip is being arranged to visit Mary MacKillop at North Sydney. More details to come.

PARISH COUNTER'S: We are looking for at least 3 more people to join this Parish Ministry if you have an hour or two to spare after the Sunday 9.00am Mass. You will be shown what is involved and you would be rostered for at least 3 times per calendar year. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 296.

OUR PARISH FINANCES: 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.

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: Copies are available for you to take home and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish School.

ST VINCENT de PAUL BUSHFIRE APPEAL: With the devastating fires across the State, the St Vincent de Paul Society has launched a Bushfire Appeal. Donations may be made via; People can also donate by calling 13 18 12. Or <http://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

The St Vincent de Paul Society would also like to thank those who responded to the Assist a Student Appeal last weekend. For anyone who may wish to contribute in the future, a supply of the leaflets with remittance advice is available at the back of the Church.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Relationship enrichment for married couples: 8th - 10th November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au Information: www.wwme.org.au

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: Exploring Pope Francis Encyclical 'The Light of Faith'. You are invited to join with a panel of speakers uncovering the richness of Pope Francis' new encyclical and celebrate the end of the "Year of Faith" at St John's, Campbelltown Parish Hall on Thursday 14th November 7.30pm - 9.30pm. To register please contact Darren McDowell on cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463

ENGAGE, EXPERIENCE, UNDERSTAND MASS, MUSIC AND LITURGY BETTER Lift Up Your Hearts - Wollongong 15-18 January 2014 REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - ONLY DAYS LEFT! . It 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. Register now and save with early bird registration available until end of October.

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

Parishes Working Together - Where are we now and where are we going?

copies of the *Summary Report-Parishes Working Together* booklet are available at the back of the Church. This booklet provides a wealth of information to assist our parishes and our schools in our planning for the future. We all want strong vibrant communities to support us in times of joy and sorrow. Because Bishop Peter recognises we are all vital members of our Diocese, he wants us to be aware of what is being planned and how it may impact on us. Many people in our parishes and schools have already been consulted and their feedback had shaped this report. We are asked to read the Summary Report and it will be a valuable resource during the next year as we begin working together to plan for the future. The Summary report is also available by clicking on the following link: http://www.imags.com.au/flipbooks/pwt_summary/

We keep the *Parishes Working Together* process in our prayers, so that together we may do our best in serving Jesus's mission to serve the world in justice and love. The full report, which has much additional information, can be accessed on: http://www.imags.com.au/flipbooks/pwt_full/

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of *Eugine and Pauline* for two weeks, commencing **Monday 4th to Sunday 17th November**. The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 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 NOVEMBER:

Vigil Mass:
9th & 16th: Phil and Pam Kenyon

9.00am Mass:
10th & 17th: Maureen Molland and Samuel Gould

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

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Helpers required
9am Mass: Christine Foreman

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 1: Tongan Youth Group

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Christine Gomes

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: Sunday 17th November: Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too--"that our God may make us worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfilment every good purpose and every effort of faith"

