

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
27th January 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."

PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER – YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

Our parish will have information and discussion sessions on the following dates and times:

1st Session: (either)

Tuesday 5th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Sunday 10th February 10.15am – 11.45am
And

2nd Session: (either)

Tuesday 12th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Sunday 17th February: 10.15am – 11.45am

(You need to attend one session for both weeks).
These meetings will be held in the Parish Hall, supper and morning tea will be provided.

Please add your name to the Registration Forms on the table at the back of the Church.

It is very important you are informed about this process of change as every parish in our Diocese will be affected. We need your feedback as we prepare for the future

"Bearers of Christ's Love"

Our Diocese is growing and to plan for our future we are asking parishes to work together to make sure our planning and process of change will strengthen us in our roles as "bearers of Christ's love", in existing and new communities. The Process for planning for the future builds on our existing diocesan pastoral plan and will be launched by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sunday 3rd February**. Every family in the diocese will on that day receive a Workbook and DVD. These will give you information about our role as baptised people in the Church as well as particular information about parishes and ministries in our Diocese.

WELCOME back to all our Parish School children who will be commencing their new school term for 2013. We wish them well, and also to our Kindergarten children who will be commencing their first year of school.

INVITATION TO PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS AND SUPPER:

We understand there are many parishioners who contribute to the life of this community through their work in the many Parish Ministries.

Fr Tony wishes to acknowledge your contributions at a

Thanksgiving Mass and Supper on Friday 8th February 2013.

Mass at 7.00pm

Followed by Supper (finger food) in the Parish Hall "I am looking forward to celebrating this time with you"

Please put your name down on the attendance sheets on the tables at the entrance of the Church for catering purposes

Dress: smart casual

Food and Drink refreshments, tea and coffee will be provided. Fr Tony

NAME TAGS: We have been promoting the wearing of a name tag in our Parish to create a hospitable parish where people are getting to know each other and calling everyone by name. We encourage you to wear your name tag each time you go to mass and sit with a different person each weekend. *If you haven't got your name tag please put your name down in the book at the Name Tag table and we will prepare one for you.*

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.

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, 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, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Mary Writer, Phillip Conroy, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Alice Harris, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, John DeVille, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

Parish Birthdays for this week:

26th: Bill Fabry

Extremely Belated 50th Wedding Anniversary:

5th: Brian and Tresora Wyer (50 years)

Diary Dates:

- **Catechist's** meeting Tuesday 29th January at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Mass)
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering Thursday 31st January in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass (Retired people over the age of 55 are most welcome)
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 4th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 4th February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** returns Wednesday 6th February after the 9.00am Mass
- **Parish Finance Council** meeting Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

LENTEN PROGRAM 2013: We will use the Diocesan Lenten called BELIEVE: Lenten Program 2013 – a 44 page program designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals. Fr Graham Schmitzer offers engaging weekly Scripture commentaries accompanied by enlightening spiritual direction from St Hilda Scott OSM (Jamberoo Abbey). Each week also contains challenging reflection questions as well as some practical Lenten tips by Fr Graham. A Double-CD resource (\$8.00) is also available to accompany the program that offers narrations of the Scriptures and commentaries as well as a beautiful sung closing prayer and mantra written by Paul Mason each week. The CD Resource will also be available for free download at www.lent.dow.org.au. *If you would like to host/join a group please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. The programs should commence the week beginning Monday 11th February.*

BUSINESSES WISHING TO ADVERTISE ON THE BACK COVER OF THE PARISH BULLETIN:

If any parishioners know of any businesses eg: handymen, electricians, caterer's etc, that would like to advertise on the back cover of the Parish Bulletin (this has a distribution of approximately 300 households) could they please contact either Fr Tony or the Parish Office on 4628 2967. For a business size card add the cost is \$275.00 this includes GST and a double business size card is \$550.00 also includes GST.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: KICK-OFF RALLY on Tuesday the 12th February @ St Peter's Church, Surry Hills. Mass 6pm with Bishop Julian Porteous followed by Procession to Preterm abortuary. Pancake Supper afterwards. Contact: Family Life International (Aust) 42844412, Sydney Office 02 95199111, Email: mail@fli.org.au Web: www.fli.org.au
"Help us give witness on the streets, to the wonder and uniqueness of every human life"

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue will be in a Parish Home commencing from next Monday (4th February).

Continuing: How to Pray The Rosary - After the Rosary:

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

As suggested by the Pope John Paul II the **Joyful** mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday, the **Luminous** on Thursday, the **Sorrowful** on Tuesday and Friday, and the **Glorious** on Wednesday and Sunday (with this exception: Sundays of Christmas season - The Joyful; Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful)

Saying this great prayer the family Rosary every day will always bring peace in the family – The family that prays together stays together.

READERS FOR JANUARY 2013:

Vigil Mass: David Minoque and Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: Chris and Rosalie Vine

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

READERS FOR FEBRUARY 2013:

Vigil Mass: Steve and Anthony Robinson
9.00am Mass: Bill Fabry and Pauline Menzies (3rd & 10th)
Maryse Parisi and Vella Andrews (17th & 24th)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9am Mass: Chantal Barbari

FLOWERS: Francesca

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



