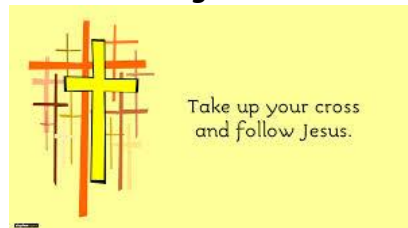


31st August 2014



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist):

Please keep the Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated on the weekend of 13th /14th September, at both the Parish Masses and the First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 14th September at 11.00am.

Jesus Christ is truly present in our midst. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation) is the most profound way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you require *Gluten Free Hosts* for Holy Communion please see Fr Tony *before* Mass and they will be available for you at Holy Communion.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Steven Jon Collins* who made the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the past week.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

4th: *Peter Barbari*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:

31: *Marilyn and Bill Fabri (46 years)*

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Dexter Harris, Freda Miranda, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Margo Haines, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney and Tomas Laming.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Derek Lavocah (10th Anniv), Bernard Hoffmann (Anniv), Emil Avila (Anniv), Alex Serdoz (Anniv), Rita Simbulan, Tina Boyd, Joy St Claire Jones, Henry Supierz, Thelma Harpley, Marie Lamiel, Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Jack O’Sullivan, Stan Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara.
May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.

PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHERS DAY RAFFLE:

The Parish Ladies Group are selling raffle tickets at all Masses for the next 2 weekends for \$1.00 per ticket. There are many great prizes to win. Please support this Parish fundraiser, as all funds go back into purchasing things for our Parish Church.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Many interesting articles to read, great value for only \$2.00. Please purchase your copy from the back table at the main entrance to the Church.

PARISH THANK YOU TO:

OUR ACOLYTES AND SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS’:

David Minogue, James Munro, Pearce Nelson, Edmund Pew, Eddy Radzieta and David Wright. Megan Mahanay and Gabbie Menzie.

Thank you for being members of these Parish Ministries.

Acolytes enhance the quality of liturgical celebrations by taking specific roles in liturgical processions and by serving the Priest at Mass and other liturgies.

There is a Diocesan and Parish training for Acolytes and Senior/Junior Altar Servers. If you would like to join either of these Ministries please either speak or phone Fr Tony on 4628 2967.

DISABILITY AWARENESS MASS: Will be celebrated next Saturday (Sunday Vigil Mass) (6.00pm Saturday) 6th September. The aim of the Mass is to help us to recognise the dignity of each person made in the image and likeness of God and to affirm the importance of welcoming everyone regardless of ability or disability, to all aspects of parish life and celebration. This will be followed by Supper in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to come along. If you would like to participate in the Mass eg: reading, offertory, or welcoming please contact Sr Ruth on 0417 279 529.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Please take home a copy of our Parish Primary School newsletter and see what is happening.

EMBRACING ABILITY – A Workshop Making a

Difference: A 2 hour awareness/hospitality workshop will be held on Wednesday evening 17th September at 7.00pm in our Parish Hall. If you would like to take participate in the workshop please ring St Ruth – Disability Advocate on 0417 279 529.

JOURNEY MAGAZINE: Please take home a copy, to read and find out what is happening in our Diocese of Wollongong. This edition features the Royal Commission’s consideration of a diocesan case, what happens in the life of a seminarian, plus plenty more interesting articles.

MANY CULTURES ONE IN CHRIST MASS: Today, (Sunday 31 August) 2:00pm St Francis Xavier Cathedral. This annual celebration of our wonderful cultural diversity, also marking Migrant & Refugee Sunday, will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday 31 Aug at 2pm. Refreshments and celebrations will then be held at the St Mary Star of the Sea College Main Hall. Contact Darren McDowell: darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463 for further information.

MINISTRY & MISSION IN MATTHEW’S GOSPEL: Is being held this Friday 5 September 9:45-1:00pm in our Parish Hall. What can we learn about Mission & Ministry from Matthew’s Gospel? Over the Sundays of this year we are listening to Matthew’s Gospel. Like each of the Gospels, Matthew presents Jesus in his own unique way. In these sessions we will explore how Matthew illustrates our mission as disciples and ministers within and beyond our community. **Registration is essential to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 cfl@dow.org.au**

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY – BISHOP & BREAKFAST Saturday 6 September 8.30am-9.45am (Assembly 10am-2pm) FREE FOOD!! RSVP ESSENTIAL *Flyer Attached*

On Saturday 6 September the Diocese will be holding a Diocesan Assembly, a chance for YOU to have a say in what happens in your Diocese. CYM will be holding a FREE BREAKFAST beforehand at Varroville Parish Hall, right around the corner from the Assembly! BISHOP PETER will be coming to breakfast to meet YOU and hear what YOU have to say before we get stuck into the main event. You will be given the chance for you to meet the new Catholic Youth Ministry staff that will be hired in the coming weeks! RSVP ASAP to Louisa - youth@dow.org.au OR 4222 2460. Not to be missed!

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY Saturday 6 September 10am – 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic High School Hall: Bishop Peter Ingham and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite Clergy, Parish Pastoral Councils, Catholic School Leadership Teams, all parishioners and other interested people to gather and participate in an assembly focusing upon parish and diocesan plans for 2015. The assembly will also be a time for parishes, schools and agencies to share their own initiatives as we seek to live our call as *Bearers of Christ’s Love*. Please contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au for further information. **RSVP is essential, please contact Helen Bennett via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by Wednesday, 3 September 2014.**

FAMILY & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2014:

Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October 9:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre & Parish. How do we share the joy of the Gospel with children and families either in the classroom or through parish programs and initiatives? This conference is for teachers, catechists and all those who minister with children and families. Through a range of workshops and keynote address from Dr Aoife McGrath, It will explore the many and varied ways in which we can enliven our ministry and more effectively share the Good News. **Registration is essential**, please go to www.familyconference.dow.org.au or pick up one of the brochures at the back of the church. For further information contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Rosary Statue will be in the home of *Cora* for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 1st September to Sunday 14th September**. The Family will be praying the Rosary at **6.00pm** on the Monday evenings. 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.**

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

*Vigil Mass: 6th Sept: Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: 7th Sept: Faye and Junior Faamau
Vigil Mass: 13th Sept: Bertha Berbai
9.00am Mass: 14th Sept: Helen Rawson*

READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

*Vigil Mass: 6th Sept:
9.00am Mass: 7th Sept: Maria Samaha and
Maureen Molland
Vigil Mass: 13th Sept: Chris and Brian O’Brien
9.00am Mass: 14th Sept: Rosalie and Chris Vine
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)*

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 6:
Tongan Youth Group

FLOWER ARRANGER’S FOR NEXT WEEK:
Melanie and Elaine

USHERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK:

*Vigil Mass: Vicky
9.00am Mass: Christine Foreman*

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Monday 1st September:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 1st September:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, new members are most welcome
- **Tuesday 9th September:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Thursday 11th September:** Retiree’s Social group gathering *after the 9.00am Mass*, all Retiree’s over 55 are encouraged to come along (*come along for a cuppa, laugh, chat and companionship*) in the Parish Hall.
- **Tuesday 16th September:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Wednesday 17th September:** Disability Awareness Work shop 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Hall (please see bulletin notices for details)

A Family and Ministry Prayer

Lord, we take these few minutes of our gathering to say, “Thank You” for the dignity and the grace of our ministry.

May we never be so busy as to forget to thank You for the great privilege that is ours in serving.

May our thanksgiving be expressed in the way we live out all that we do in our time of giving.

Bless us Lord, in Your Name: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

