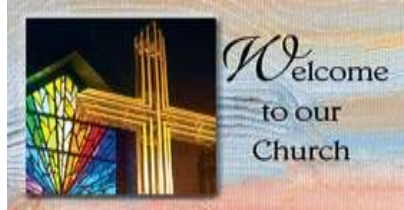


2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
19th January 2014



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"



We welcome all visitors to our Parish and in particular those who are visiting family and friends in our Community.

DATES OF PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2014:

Wednesday 12th February: Parent/Carers Information night for **Reconciliation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above) **7.30pm** in the Parish Church:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on either Wednesday 19th March or Thursday 20th March.

Wednesday 4th June: Parent/Carer's Information night for **Confirmation** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 6 and above who have made the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) **7.30pm in the Parish Church:**
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 26th July at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 6th August: Parents/Carers Information night for **First Holy Communion** (for Catholic Baptised Children in Years 3 and above who have made the Sacrament of Reconciliation) **7.30pm in the Parish Church:**
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated on the weekend of 13th /14th September.

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

23rd: Seta and Peter Berbari (11years)

PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

18th: Eleanor Berbari and Rosalie Vine
19th: Maugra Andrews
21st: William Astruc

LENT 2014

Ash Wednesday: 5th March
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening during Lent commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Church

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday 17th April:
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 18th April:
Stations of the Cross
The Passion of the Lord
Evening Prayer of Divine Office

Saturday 19th April:
Easter Vigil Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday 20th April:
Easter Sunday Mass (Resurrection of the Lord)

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

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Georgia Eve Vera Anderson** who was Baptised last weekend.

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

OLD STAMPS/PETROL DOCKETS: If you have any used stamps and/or any leftover petrol docketts that you will not be using, and would like to donate them – our "red" Parish Mail box is located at the entrance of the Church (near the ramp). The stamps will be sent to the Missions to help with their good works and the petrol docketts will be given to those in need. Thank you very much for your donations.

Parish Diary Dates:

Monday 20th January: Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

Monday 3rd February: Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

Monday 3rd February: Parish Ladies Group meeting and AGM at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)

Friday 7th February: Opening School Year Mass at 9.30am at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (all Parishioners are most welcome) in the School Hall
Tuesday 11th February: St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre (new members are most welcome)

Wednesday 12th February: Parents/Carers Information night for Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 and above who have been Baptised) at 7.30pm in the Parish Church
Tuesday 18th February: Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 19th February: Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

START AFRESH IN 2014: Looking for a new start? Is there a voice in your heart that you have been ignoring? Is God offering you a fulfilling choice? Please contact either Fr Tony on 4628 2967 or Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director on 0401 621 591 or priesthood@dow.org.au

RETIRED STAFF AND PARTNERS of Catholic Schools and the Wollongong Catholic Education Office: Are invited to attend an informal lunch/social at Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal St, Wollongong on Friday 7th February at 12noon to renew acquaintances with former colleagues and their partners. For more information and/or confirmation of attendance please contact: John Tubridy on 4228 4474, Kate Quinn on 4234 124 or Mel Condon on 4232 2795.

THE JOURNEY- CATHOLIC RADIO: "The Journey" is the Diocese's weekly Catholic Radio Program. Hear the show Sundays from 11am on Pulse 94.1FM in the Illawarra, or live streaming at pulse941.com.au. You can also listen at any time from the Diocesan website at radio.dow.org.au or find us on Facebook.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED:

Our parish is a small community and sometimes we can become lost in the shuffle. Being involved in one or our Parish Ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the people you see across the aisles at Mass. Please see Fr Tony or contact our Parish Office on 4628 2967 (during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine) for details about the many ways you can get involved. Why not make it your New Year's Resolution?

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 tim.**

CATHOLIC CARE ST PATRICK'S DAY RACING FUNRAISER:

Saturday 15 March, Kembla Grange Racecourse
Tickets now on sale. Book today to avoid disappointment.
Ph: 42271122 Email: chiaram@catholiccare.dow.org.au
Web: www.catholiccare.dow.org.au
All monies raised will assist the Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) program - helping siblings of kids with a disability

FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION Programs at CatholicCare:cCare

Bookings are now open for a range of education programs to assist adults, children and young people develop and enhance healthy relationships and wellbeing. Call 4628 0044 Campbelltown to book into a course or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au to see what courses are being offered in 2014.

Instruction on the Liturgy of the Word

In the readings, the table of God's word is spread for the faithful and the treasures of the Bible are opened to them. The unity of both the Old and New Testaments and salvation history is brought out. (GIRM 57)

After each reading the reader pronounces the acclamation, and by means of the reply, the assembled people give honour to the Word of God that they have received in faith and with gratitude. (GIRM 59)

ROSARY STATUE: When you pray the Rosary in your home you are still a community at prayer. Have you considered celebrating praying the Rosary at home and inviting other parishioners to share this special time with you. Those interested in having the Rosary Statue (and/or would like more details) can contact the parish office on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable time you and your family would like to have our Parish Rosary Statue in your home.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

SICK LIST: Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Beryl Purcell, Candice Walker, Colum Brennan, Ellen Healy, Gino Stephen, Gloria Eggert, Iris Stephen, Graham Wagg, Jack O'Sullivan, Jane Rivett, 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, Tina Boyd, Tomas Laming and The Liban Family

JANUARY 2014

READERS:

Vigil Mass: 25th: Bill George and Julie Writer
1st/8th Feb: James Munro and Freda Miranda

9.00am Mass: 26th: David Minogue and Maryse Parisi
2nd/9th Feb: Noel Laming and Agnes Serfatu
(Could the 2nd Reader please also read the Prayers of Intercession)

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

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

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 6:
Ruse Tongan Community

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Julie

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: This will be returning in February. Thank you to the many people who are members of this Parish Ministry and also to the Parish Ladies Group who continue to support this Parish Ministry.

