

DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA



9th November 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"

Our Parish is wheelchair friendly. We have a ramp going into the Church and one going into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know.

"Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Matthew 10:40"

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.

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 the Parish Office should you wish to include deceased relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.*



We ask that the Parishioners of our Parish keep in their prayers the many people who are currently sitting exams.

ASSIST A STUDENT SCHEME: An Appeal will be made this weekend at all Masses to sponsor a disadvantaged overseas student. The forms will be available at all Masses this weekend.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Eamon Michael Pender* who was Baptised last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To *Bradley Mario Barbara* and *Valelia Luagalau* who were Married in our Parish Church last weekend. Wishing you God's Blessings.

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

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.

Parish Birthdays for this week:

- 10th: *Fay Faamau*
- 11th: *Maryanne Fredericks*
- 12th: *Elaine Hoffman*
- 14th: *Maeghan Robinson*

Parish Wedding Anniversaries for this week:

- 11th: *Gloria and Kevin Eggert (64 years)*
- 12th: *Kristine and Bill George (37 years)*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current roster is about to run out for this year. If you have thought about joining this friendly Parish Ministry, please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church (ramp side) (please also put your name down if you are continuing to be part of this Parish Ministry).

All you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome parishioners. We currently have this Ministry once a month (not in December or January).

We thank the ladies (and gentlemen) who have helped in this Parish Ministry as you have put smiles on many Parishioners faces and helped to form new friendships.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: During the 9.00am Mass. This is for school children from Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive. This is held each Sunday during the School Term.

PARISH POWER POINT CREATIONS: Help is needed to set up a Power Point Creation Team. If you have experience in creating Power Points (you are the person we are looking for). Training and support will be given. Please phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967 for more details. Please consider being a member of this Parish Ministry. These are created in keeping with the Mass/Liturgy themes and overall liturgical rubrics of the Church

CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 14th December: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Rose Sunday): We will be celebrating also our Parish Family Mass followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

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.

"CALLING ALL SELF EMPLOYED PARISHIONERS
Why not support Parish finances in a tax effective way? Depending on your personal circumstances and taxation advice, you could benefit your business and support the work of the Parish, by placing an advertisement in the Parish Bulletin.
The cost is only \$275.00 (includes \$25.00 GST) (per business card size or \$550.00 (includes \$50.00 GST) for double business card size) add per year to promote your business among friends. Simply call the Parish Office during business hours on 46282967 or place your contact details on the clipboard at the rear of the Church, and you will be contacted shortly."

JESSE TREE: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal: The Jesse Tree will be in the Church on the first weekend of Advent (29th/30th November) The Jesse Tree will have tags with the ages of children in need. If you are able, please take a tag (or two) and buy a present for that aged child and return it to the Jesse Tree (preferably not wrapped). As the gifts have to be distributed before school holidays the gifts need to be returned by the weekend of 8th/9th December or return to the Parish Office. *The Jesse Tree is now set up in the Parish Office Reception area, if you would like to come and collect a tag/s come during Office Hours.*

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The Christmas 2014 issue is available from all the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take a copy home to read. There are many interesting articles eg: A letter to Robin Williams, Behind the prayer and 12 Days of Christmas Challenge.

"REDEEM": Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2014: *These booklets are available for \$2.00 per copy from the Piety Stall. Quote from Bishop Peter Ingham: "Through these reflections we are invited to take time to truly appreciate the marvellous gift we have been given".*

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take a copy home and find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS: Tuesday 12:00pm 18 November 2014 Wollongong Cathedral followed by light luncheon at Xavier Centre.

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE'S WORK – Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus (Mother Teresa). Please contact Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

RETIRED STAFF AND PARTNERS of Catholic Schools and the Wollongong Catholic Education Office: Eighth Annual Social Gathering, 12 noon Friday 13 February 2015 Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal Street. Retired Staff (and Partners) of Catholic Schools and the Catholic Education Office in Wollongong or other Catholic Dioceses are invited to attend an informal lunch/social at Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal Street, Wollongong to renew acquaintances with former colleagues and their partners. For more information and/or confirmation of attendance please contact: John Tubridy: 4228 4474 jtubridy@optusnet.com.au; Kate Quinn: 4234 1254 or Mel Condon: 4232 2795

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:



The purpose of this Ministry is to increase prayer within our Parish. Parishioners involved in this Ministry are prepared to open their home for fellow parishioners to join them in saying the Rosary. If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

- Vigil Mass: 15th Nov: *Winnie Cameron & Bev McKenzie*
- 9.00am Mass: 16th Nov: *Fay & Junior Faamau*
- Vigil Mass: 22nd Nov: *Trish Newman & Louise Phillips*
- 9.00am Mass: 23rd Nov: *Helen Rawson & Julie Writer*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

- Vigil Mass: 15th Nov: *James & Carmel Munro*
- 9.00am Mass: 16th Nov: *Andrew James & Maryse Parisi*
- Vigil Mass: 22nd Nov: *Maria Feher & Cody Benes*
- 9.00am Mass: 23rd Nov: *Chris & Brian O'Brien* (Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

- Saturday 15th Nov: *Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community*
- Saturday 22nd Nov: *Group 4: Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Rosa & Manual Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis*

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

- Vigil Mass: 15th Nov: *Vicky Horne*
- 9.00am Mass: 16th Nov: *Chris Reddy & Helen Rawson*
- Vigil Mass: 22nd Nov: *Help needed*
- 9.00am Mass: 23rd Nov: *Karenne Harvey*

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

- Saturday 16th November: *Christine and Carmel*
- Saturday 23rd November: *Christine Gomes*

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 11th November:** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 18th November:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 20th November:** 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 Hall

Responding to the Call

Jesus not only calls people to him but also forms them and sends them out in his service (Mt.10:5, Mark 6:7, Luke 9:1)

