

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE



23rd 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 WELCOME: Into our Christian Community Julian Joseph Angelo Borg and Sophie Mueller who were Baptised last weekend.

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:

25th: Steven Robinson
27th: Vicki Horne
28th: John Nakasenh

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 LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Tickets will be available at \$1.00 per ticket at all Masses on the 6th/7th and 13th/14th December. The Raffle will be drawn at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 21st December. Please support this Parish fundraiser. There are 4 terrific prizes to be won.

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

"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 has 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 currently set up in the Parish Office Reception area, if you would like to come and collect a tag/s come during Office Hours.**

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S ROSTER: Will be running out at the end of the Year. Thank you to the ladies who have been a member of this Parish Ministry.

The team members of the Floral Art Group aid in the liturgical art/decoration of the Church. The gift of your time and talents in this Parish Ministry are greatly appreciative.

There is a clipboard out on the table of the main entrance of the Church. If you wish to continue being a member of this Parish Ministry please put your name down and if you would like to join this Parish Ministry please also put your name down.
Thank you all in anticipation.

PIETY STALL: Now have on sale the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards \$6.00 per packet (10 cards per packet). We have plenty of stock available.

PARISH FAMILY MASS: Will be on Sunday 14th December at the 9.00am Mass. (3rd Sunday of Advent – Rose Sunday). All Parishioners and their families are invited to come along and join in the Celebration of our Parish Family Mass. Followed by refreshments in the parish Hall. To help with catering, it would be very much appreciated if you could please bring a plate to share (eg: cake, biscuits etc). There is a clipboard on the main table of the entrance of the Church. We look forward

HELP IS NEEDED IN BEAUTIFYING OUR CHURCH GROUNDS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Saturday 6th December: lawn mowing starting after the 8.00am Mass (8.30am)
Saturday 20th December: General working bee of the Church Grounds after the 8.00am Mass (8.30am)
Please bring your own gear.
Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier.
Morning tea will be provided on both mornings.

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

FR BRYAN JONES AND FR MAURIE ROSA GOLDEN

JUBILEE: We will be concelebrating Mass in All Saints Church Shellharbour City on **Thursday 27th November 2014 at 6pm** to mark the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. These two priests have worked in a number of parishes across the Diocese. Mass will be followed by light refreshment. All welcome.

DEAF MINISTRY NEWS: CHRISTMAS LUNCH, Thursday 11 December 12.00noon. To be held at Campbelltown Catholic Club (Kings Food Court). **Auslan Interpreted Masses -** St Paul's Moss Vale 9.30am on Sunday 30 November & St John's Campbelltown at 9am on Sunday 14 December. Please RSVP for lunch to Rebecca 0419 152 310 or rebecca.miller@dow.org.au by 1/12/14. All Welcome.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?



PARISH ROSARY STATUE:

The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of **Cathy and Michael. The Family will be praying the Rosary on Monday evening at 7.00pm. The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church.** **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 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 29thNov: Bertha Barbari & Bev McKenzie
9.00am Mass: 30th Nov: Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue
Vigil Mass: 6th Dec: Maureen Molland & Louise Phillips
9.00am Mass: 7th Dec: Fay & Junior Faamau

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 29th Nov: Maria Feher & Cody Benes
9.00am Mass: 30th Nov: Chris and Brian O'Brien
Vigil Mass: 6th Dec: Maureen Molland & Bill George
9.00am Mass: 7th Dec: 2 readers from the Samoan Divine Mercy Group

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 29th Nov:
Group 6: Tongan Youth Group
Saturday 6th Dec:
Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko and Kathy Donachie

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 29thNov: Maureen Molland
9.00am Mass: 30th Nov: Gwen and Brian Harris
Vigil Mass: 6th Dec: Carmel Munro
9.00am Mass: 7th Dec: Karenne Harvey

FLOWER ARRANGER FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday 30th Nov: Francesca Chow

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 25th November:** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 1st December:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 3rd December:** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Thursday 4th December:** 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
- **Friday 5th December:** Parish Liturgy Meeting for Rose Sunday and Christmas at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. **All Reader's, Musicians, Power point creators, Sacristan's and Alcolyte's are invited to attend.**

