

21st September 2014

25th 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"

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



ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITOR'S TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND ARE INVITED for Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and chat over a cuppa etc.

The Parish would like to congratulate the 55 children who made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to the many people (Teachers) who have prepared the Children for this Sacrament.

**Thank you on behalf of the First Holy Communion Candidates and their families:
To the Acolyte's, Senior Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister's, the Sacristan's who prepared the Church, the Musicians who played especially for the Holy Communion Masses, the Power Point creator and also to the many people behind the scenes.
Your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all who attended the First Holy Communion Masses last weekend.**

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 WISH OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES a relaxing and enjoyable break/holiday in readiness for their final School term for 2014.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:

20th: *Christopher Robinson*

21st: *Brian Harris*

23rd: *Maureen Hennessy*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:

25th: *Trish and Paul Newman (41 years)*

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.

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Dexter Harris, 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, 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: Marcelle Shalhoub (R.D.), Derek Lavocah, Bernard Hoffmann, Emil Avila, Alex Serdoz, Rita Simbulan, Tina Boyd, Joy 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.

PEWS REPAINTED: Our Church pews have been recently repaired and painted. This has been a costly repair, can you *please* be respectful of our Church and surrounding property. If you see any damage being done please let Fr Tony know.

SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Will be celebrated today (Sunday 21st at 2.00pm) at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow.

We wish to congratulate:

Chris and Brian O'Brien who will be celebrating 40 years of Marriage on the 14th December and **Christine and Russell Goodall** who will be celebrating 25 years of Marriage on the 30th December.

OUR PARISH LADIES GROUP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE (all over the age of 18) **ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR PARISH:** To a Parish Social BBQ on Saturday 25th October from 7.30pm onwards (or if you are attending the Vigil Mass (6.00pm) come on over to the Parish Hall. BYO Alcohol and meat. Salads, supper, tea/coffee will be supplied. Come along and have a fun filled evening with some games included. For catering purposes there is a clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church.

THE PARISH LADIES GROUP: Wish to thank the many Parishioners and visitors to our Parish who have supported their Raffles. With this support the Ladies group have paid for the window tinting above the Altar (to help with the glare on the Power point screens)

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.

PIETY STALL: Come and have a look at what is available for sale in our Parish Piety Stall. We have many different Rosary Beads, gifts for the various Sacraments, books etc.

PARISH THANK YOU TO: THE CATECHIST TEACHERS: **Colleen Jablonskis, Elizabeth Wasko, Hector Bernardino, Hedy Toth, Gwen Harris, Carmel Munro, Maria Byron, Mike Young Rosemary De Kauwe, Judy Barker and Karenne Harvey.** The Catechists are a team of Parishioners who have completed Diocesan training. The program is age appropriate, creative and contemporary in order that the young person be motivated to grow in knowledge, understanding, appreciation, acceptance and love of the Gospel message. Training is provided. Religious Education classes are provided for Grades Kindergarten to Year 6 and are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at Ruse Primary School, Kentlyn Primary School, Woodland Rd, Briar Rd Primary School, Airds and John Warby Primary School. This Ministry is open to all committed members of the Parish. If you are interested in or would like to find out more about this Ministry please contact Colleen on: 4628 4717.

Thank you Catechist Teachers for your gifts of Time and Talents and Spreading the Good News.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please take home a copy of our Parish Primary School newsletter and see what is happening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Stephen Varney: By the Grace of God and through the Laying on of Hands, The Most Most Reverend Peter W Ingham DD ordained Stephen Varney to the Diaconate. Yesterday (20th September) at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong.

NEXT SUNDAY (27th/28th September): Is Social Justice Sunday. The statement and further resources can be downloaded from www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – 90 YEAR CELEBRATION: Saturday 27th September at St Francis Xavier Cathedral 10.30am – 11.30am. For more information please contact Teresa Harm on 4627 9177 or teresah@svdpwgong.org.au

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2014: **Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October 9:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre & Parish** 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 needed (ASAP)**, 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.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE:

October 4: 1 day retreat: St Francis and Art
A day of meditation on St Francis' life though Australian Art
Mr Steven Miller Cost: donation (\$20) and bring your own lunch.

October 10-12 weekend retreat: St Teresa of Jesus
The Lord himself taught St Teresa to pray; we look at the place and role of Jesus in her prayer. Fr Greg Homeming, OCD Cost: \$220

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. The Rosary Statue is at a parishioner's home for 2 weeks (Monday to Sunday fortnight) then returned to the Church. If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 27th Sept: *Bertha Barbari*

9.00am Mass: 28th Sept: *Karenne Harvey and Freda Miranda*

Vigil Mass: 4th Oct: *Bev McKenzie*

9.00am Mass: 5th Oct: *Fay and Junior Faamau*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 27th Sept: *Andrew James and Bev McKenzie*

9.00am Mass: 28th Sept: *Page Bell and Julie Writer*

Vigil Mass: 4th Oct: *Andrew James and Bev McKenzie*

9.00am Mass: 5th Oct: *Eleanor Barbari and Julie Writer*

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

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 2: *Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Kathy Donachie and Eugene Wasko*

FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: *Christine and Carmel*

USHERS' FOR NEXT WEEK:

Vigil Mass: *Carmel*

9.00am Mass: *Gwen Harris*

Parish Diary Dates:

- Tuesday 23rd September:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- **Thursday 25th 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.
 - **Monday 6th October:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
 - **Monday 6th October:** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

