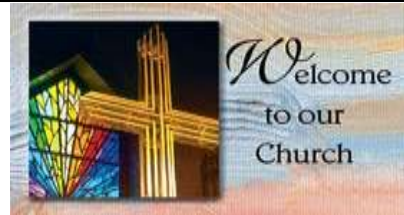


**The Baptism of the Lord
Year A
12th January 2014**



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:

12th: Jim and Julie Writer (51 years)
13th: Karen and Bret Metcalfe (7 years)

PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

13th: Isabella Nakasenh, Michael (Kerry Hooton) & Jerome 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

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 ROSARY STATUE: During the School holidays, the Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners Homes until the 3rd February 2014. I take this opportunity to Thank the Parishioners who had the Rosary Statue in their homes During 2013. I wish them and their families a joyful Christmas and God's Blessings. Saying this great prayer, the family Rosary every day will always bring peace in the family – "The family that prays together stays together".
Thank you and God Bless Fr Tony and Edmund

HOW TO PRAYER THE ROSARY: The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five JOYFUL MYSTERIES, the five LUMINOUS MYSTERIES, the five SORROWFUL MYSTERIES, and the five GLORIOUS MYSTERIES. **Saying this great prayer the family Rosary every day will always bring peace in the family – the Family prays together stays together.**

FRENCH MASS: Today (Sunday 12th January) at 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist, Catholic Church Campbelltown.

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.

CLEANER REQUIRED: Benedict Abbey: One full-time cleaner and one casual cleaner with experience especially in the hospitality Industry are required to care for the Benedictine Retreat Cottages (Jamberoo Mount Rd, Jamberoo). For enquires please phone 4236 0533 or email cottageretreats@bigpond.com

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.**

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. John McInerney (Jack) (Anniv), Eileen Daly (Anniv), Roy Fernandes and 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: 18th & 25th: Bill George and Julie Write

9.00am Mass: 19th & 26th: David Minogue and Maryse Parisi

(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 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

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.

Reflective Prayer for:

Christ's Baptism

Almighty God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your beloved Son;
grant that we who are baptised into his name
may give up our lives to your service,
and be found worthy of our calling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

