



Second Sunday Of Advent
7th December 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday), All Parishioners and their families are invited to come to the 9.00am Mass to celebrate our Parish Family Mass, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. *We look forward to seeing as many Parishioners and their families as possible.*

WE WECOLME: Into our Parish Community: *Katie Rose Corkran* and *Harley James Spoons Dickson* who were Baptised last weekend.

Parish Birthdays for this week:
5th Dec: *Visiano Vaohea* (18th birthday)
6th Dec: *Joe Berbari*
12th Dec: *Melanie Webb*

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets will be available at \$1.00 per ticket at all Masses for the next two weeks. 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.*

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.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED- *Nancy Symonds(RD)*

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

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 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*

PIETY STALL: Come and look at our Parish Piety Stall, there are many great Christmas Gift ideas for that last minute Christmas shopping. We have plenty of Christmas Cards and 2015 Columban Calendars.

PARISH CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE- SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER AT 8.30am: We need plenty of helpers to help beautify our Parish grounds in preparing for Christmas. Even if you are able to give ½ hour either before Saturday 20th December or on that morning. The working bee will commence at 8.30am. Many hands make light work. Morning tea will be provided. The gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

JESSE TREE: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal: The Jesse Tree is in the Church and 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). The gifts need to be distributed before school holidays and be returned by the weekend of the 13th/14th December or return to the Parish Office. *“Your St Vincent de Paul conference wishes to especially thank the Parish Ladies Group for organising the Jesse Tree once again this year. Please note the toys will be delivered early in the week commencing 15 December. We have over 110 children on our list this year so are hoping for a very BIG response over the next week.”*

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.

CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL LITURGY – NOW OPEN
It is with great pleasure we seek expressions of interest for enrolment in the Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy commencing in February 2015. This course provides practical knowledge, skills and approaches, in liturgy for people who take active roles in preparing, coordinating and leading liturgy and liturgical music in parish and school. This course is modelled on the Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy previously offered through the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Expressions of interest in enrolling in the course are invited by contacting Darren McDowell, 4222 2463 or cfl@dow.org.au

WAY OF LIGHT - RELIC OF ST TERESA OF ÁVILA TO VISIT THE DIOCESE IN DECEMBER

A relic of St Teresa of Ávila (her pilgrim staff) is on a worldwide pilgrimage which began in Ávila on her feast day, 15 October 2014. Teresa’s pilgrim staff will be visiting Australia on 18 December 2014 with a series of events at the Mount Carmel precinct in Varroville including moments of prayer and reflection and then walking meditatively through the land. Everyone is invited to join the pilgrimage especially our youth and young adults. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at 11.30am in the Convent Chapel followed by a time of reflection before a light lunch. It will be a fiesta, Aussie style! For further information visit <http://tinyurl.com/paqk5uz> or Fr Greg Burke OCD on 8795 3457.

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR USING CARITAS AUSTRALIA’S 2014 ADVENT CALENDAR

This year Caritas Australia’s Advent Calendar features stories which highlight our 50 year journey of working with vulnerable communities around the world. It uses the symbol of the Advent wreath to help you *Learn, Pray* and *Act* daily with and for Caritas Australia’s partners around the world. Caritas Australia’s 2014 Advent Calendar is available as an iPhone and Android app. It is also available as an online web calendar, and as an interactive PowerPoint for primary school students and families with young children. *Join us as we use the Advent Wreath to learn, pray and act for a more just and fair world – a world full of hope, peace, joy, love and Light- This Christmas view and download the calendar today www.caritas.org.au/advent*

Vacancy - School Pastoral Support Worker (based in Macarthur)

CatholicCare administers pastoral support services to Catholic primary schools as part of the National School Chaplaincy Program. Now seeking suitably qualified/experienced staff to deliver welfare, faith-formation, spiritual and emotional support to students, families and staff. Essential: Certificate IV in Youth Work or Certificate IV in Pastoral Care or equivalent qualification. Specific enquiries to Peter Burgoyne on 4254 9354. To apply, please download a compulsory info pack and selection criteria at www.catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 4227 1122. Applications close Dec 19.

Christmas Reconciliation Timetable:

Thursday 18th December
7:30pm: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Saturday 20th December
11:00am- 12noon: 1st Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday 24th December
4:30-5:30pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation

Christmas Mass Timetable
Wednesday 24th December
6:30pm: **Carols and Children’s Pageant**
7:00pm: **Vigil Mass**
11:30pm: **Christmas Carols**

Thursday 25th December
12 midnight: **Christmas Night Mass**
8:30am: **Carols**
9:00am: **Christmas Day Mass**

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 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 13th Dec: Bertha Berbari
9.00am Mass: 14th Dec: Julie and Jim Writer
Vigil Mass: 20th Dec: Trish Newman and Winnie Cameron
9.00am Mass: 21st Dec: Fay and Junior Faamau

READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 13th Dec: Maureen Molland and Bill George
9.00am Mass: 14th Dec:
1st Reading: Tyson Lumagui
2nd Reading: Maria Samaha
Prayers of Intercession: (Faithful): Ethan Billett

Vigil Mass: 20th Dec: Louise Phillips and David Minogue
9.00am Mass: 21st Dec: May Michelutti and Noel Laming
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 13th Dec:
Group 3: Brian O’Brien, Christine Foreman, James and Carmel Munro
Saturday 20th Dec:
Group 1: Syro- Malabar Indian Community

USHERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 13th Dec: Help Needed
9.00am Mass: 14th Dec: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson
Vigil Mass: 20th Dec: Help Needed
9.00am Mass: 21st Dec: Barry Daley

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 13th Dec: Melanie and Elaine
Saturday 20th Dec: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 9th December:** St Vincent de Paul Conference 7:30pm (short meeting) in the Parish Centre (Last one for 2014). Followed by Christmas function
- **Wednesday 17th December:** At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School 10:30am End of School Year Mass- All Parishioners are invited.
- **Thursday 18th 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

