

8th November 2015

**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 ramps going into the Church and into the Parish Hall. Please let your family and friends know.*

*"Anyone who welcomes you, welcome me and anyone who welcomes me welcome 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.

**NOVEMBER:** Is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. 3 conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions (*Norm 15,7*)

**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.*

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ASSIST A STUDENT**

**SCHEME APPEAL:** "The SVdP Society is active amongst disadvantaged communities in Asia from Pakistan across to areas of the Pacific.

I think we all understand that life in such places can be extremely harsh and challenging for those without opportunity.

Many families simply cannot afford to send their children to a school and young children are often forced to work, just so a family can make ends meet.

There is a way we can help turn this around and that is by sponsoring a child for 12 months, through the Assist a Student Scheme. This weekend your St Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting an appeal on behalf of such communities. Conference members will be at the various exits, handing out information leaflets which include a remittance advice. Please take one of these and give this initiative your prayerful consideration."

*Please continue to keep in your prayers those currently sitting any Exams from our Parish (and their families).*

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community *Adelaide Indiana Martin-Douglas* and *Sione Satelaite Kapeliele Mafi* who were Baptised last weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Rita Jowsey, Bernie Smith, Stevie Dilen, Bill Eccleston, Maree and Noel Laming, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

**WE CONGRATULATE:** *Arthur Michelutti* on being appointed as an Acolyte for our Parish and reappointment of *David Wright* as an Acolyte.

**Parishioner Birthday for this week:**10<sup>th</sup>: *Faye Faamau*11<sup>th</sup>: *Maryanne Fredericks*12<sup>th</sup>: *Elaine Hoffman*

*If any Parishioner/s would like to have their Birthdays and or Wedding Anniversaries included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or [ruse@dow.org.au](mailto:ruse@dow.org.au)*

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Kindergarten to Year 6 inclusive):** At the Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during School Terms.

**ST THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME:** Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am in our Parish Hall during school terms. (The last Playtime for 2015 will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December). **Attention: Parents/Guardians and Grandparents**, if you have any children/grandchildren under School age and bubs, come for a chat and cuppa while the kids enjoy playtime activities including Bible Story time, songs, craft, outside/inside play and pray time. Gold coin donation. If interested please phone: **Catherine for more information: 46271842**

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CANNOT COME TO**

**MASS?:** Members of our Parish Community visit parishioners and bring Communion every week to those who are ill or elderly so are unable to come to Mass. Sometimes, it may be that someone who could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish Office (46282967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK NUMBERS**

**(REMINDER):** If any Parishioner in their Parish Ministry that involves working with children has not given Fr Tony their WWC number could they do so please ASAP or if you require assistance to apply for a Working With Children Approval under Child Protection Legislation please either see Fr Tony or come into the Parish Office during Office Hours.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Will be on sale in the next couple of weeks. We have 4 terrific prizes, tickets will be \$1.00 each. **Please support this Parish Fundraiser.**

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH**

**FACEBOOK:** If you haven't had the chance to look on our Parish Facebook, please do so. You will see pictures of what has been happening in our Parish as well as other information from the Diocese of Wollongong and the Vatican.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: NOMINATIONS** will be called for over this weekend (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> November): Please give some *prayerful thought* to who you would like to represent you on the Parish Pastoral Council for the next two years. Nominated Candidates will be displayed on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November and Voting for nominated candidates will be held on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> November and the nominated representatives will be announced by Fr Tony of the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Christmas Jesse Tree** has been set up in the Parish Office Foyer. If you wish to take tags, please come to the Parish Office during Office hours. The Jesse Tree will be in the Church from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent.

**CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take home a School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

**FRENCH MASS:** To be held at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Campbelltown on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 20-22 November** Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Let your love blossom this spring with a weekend. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! Contact Ardell & Bill Sharpe 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 3-5 December 2015:** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** in **Adelaide**. This is for those from Year 9 through to 25 years of age, and is an excellent opportunity for young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. Contact Seth Harsh at the Youth Office on 02 4222 2460 or email: [seth.harsh@dow.org.au](mailto:seth.harsh@dow.org.au)

**POSITIONS VACANT - PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER,**

**SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY:** *Based in various schools within the Diocese of Wollongong (Temporary part-time (minimum 10 hpw) commencing Term 1 2016.* CatholicCare has been engaged to administer pastoral support services to Catholic primary schools in the Diocese under the National School Chaplaincy Program. For more information including application pack go to Careers page at [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au) or call Peter Burgoyne on 4254 9354.

**THE CATHOLIC GUY IMPACT CENTRES:** Know someone who hasn't been to Church for a while? Why not join us for "Church done Differently"? Sundays at 11am at Campbelltown Catholic Club. For more information contact 1300 734 880 or [info@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto:info@TheCatholicGuy.com)

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:**

The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of *Wilfred and Freda. The family will be praying the Rosary on Monday (9<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm.* The address is on the main noticeboard of the Church. *If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659*

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 7.30pm** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the Parish Centre, you are welcome to come along and see the good works that St Vincent de Paul carry out  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: 7.30pm** Parish Finance Meeting in the Parish Centre  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 7.30pm** Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Hall  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November: 9.30am** (after the 9.00am morning Mass) Retiree's Social Group gathering (Retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

**PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:****EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Bertha Berbari and Trish Newman**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Fay and Junior Faamau**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Maureen Molland and Louise Phillips**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Julie Writer and Annette Read**

**READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Maryse Parisi and Andrew James**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Maria Samaha and Maureen Molland**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Andrew James and Pauline Menzies**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Angela Truong and Christine Foreman**

**CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Group 6 Tongan Youth Group**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Syro-Malabar Indian Community**

**USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Vicky Horne**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson**  
**Vigil Mass: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Carmel Munro**  
**9.00am Mass: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Brian & Gwen Harris**

**FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Melanie Webb and Elaine Hoffmann**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: Next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> November):** Julie Writer, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Hedy Toth

**THANK YOU!**

*Words some people often use and words some people find hard to say. Small words with many meanings.*

