

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
22nd September 2013



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"

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to wish all the students at our Parish Schools a very safe and happy holiday

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR LAST WEEK:

14th: Col Davis
18th: Daniel Webb
19th: Ellen Healy and Marilyn Fabry
20th: Christopher Robinson

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

21st: Brian Harris
23rd: Maureen Hennessy
27th: Seth McMurray

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK:

20th: Michael and Bernadine Walsh (44 years)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Br Coman, Jack O'Sullivan, Ellen Healy, Kathryn Primmer, Mike Young, Melanie Blessing, The Liban family, Candice Walker, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann and Ken Churchill.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Evelyn Camilleri (R.D.), Ruth Condan, Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVille, Violet Francisco, Eileen Daly, Emil Avila, Derek Lavocah, Irene Mahanay, Gloria Carlon, Lina Pereira, Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Irene Mahanay, John Fusco, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Ivy and Bill Foley, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Maclovía Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Jake Luigi Paul De Meio** who received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion last weekend.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Daniela Jade Hernandez** who was Baptised last weekend.

THANKYOU: To the men who came last Friday and Saturday to tidy up our Church grounds. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING: If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. (Direct Debit and the envelope system are available).
As you are aware envelope monies pay for the running of the parish but the parish is more than bricks and mortar. We are constantly invited by the Lord to move from maintenance to mission.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy, they are available on the table near the main entrance of the Church.

CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER: The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a wine and cheese night in our Parish Hall. All Parishioners and their friends over the age of 18 are invited. A great night will be enjoyed by all. For catering please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. A great night is promised. See you there

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Don't forget to take a copy of our Parish School Newsletter and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish School.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Tuesday 24th September St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 26th September Retiree's Social Group** gathering in the Parish Hall a 9.30am (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)

COMMUNICATION: If anyone would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and unable to come to Mass on the weekend, housebound or in hospital. **Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on 4628 2967 to advise him of needing a visit.**

MOST REV WENCESLAO (WENS) PADILLA OF THE APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE FOR MONGOLIA CENTRAL ASIA The Directors of the Campbelltown Catholic Club have kindly provided a function room at the Club on Wednesday 25 September 2013 (7.00pm for 7.30pm) for a Reception for Mongolia's only Catholic Bishop. Parishes and religious communities are invited to send representatives. Bishop "Wens" is in Australia to promote World Mission Month on behalf of The Pontifical Mission Societies. RSVP with numbers to Mary Hiscox on 4222 2482 or email: Mary.Hiscox@dow.catholic.edu.au

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

Fridays, October 11 – November 15, 9:45am – 2pm, St Thomas More Church, Acacia Ave, Ruse

Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. In the Gospel of Luke we meet Jesus, the compassion of God. This gospel contains the great stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the Walk to Emmaus. Through reflection on this Gospel we come to a deeper understanding of Pope Francis' call to be a church of and for the poor. Over six week we will explore and reflect upon the great treasures this Gospel holds for our lives today. **Registrations are essential to: Darren McDowell, cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463**

Dr Richard Hardy: Will be speaking on Saturday 12 October : At Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. From 9.30am – 4.00pm \$30.00 per head. Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee will be provided. The topic will be "St Teresa of Avila and the Our Father". **Bookings are essential! Please phone 87953400 or email: retreats@carelite.com or www.carmelite.com**
Richard Hardy studied in the United States, Canada and obtained his Doctorate from the University of Strasbourg in France. He was a Professor of Spirituality at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada for many years. He is the author of several books and articles on Spirituality, including *John of the Cross: Man & Mystic*. He gives workshops, retreats and conferences on Carmelite spirituality with a particular focus on St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Avila. *Of all of Teresa of Avila's works, The Way of Perfection is the most easily understood. Written at the height of the controversy surrounding the reforms Teresa instituted in the Carmelite order, it instructed the nuns in the practice of prayer. Teresa discusses the three essentials of a prayer-filled life – fraternal love, detachment from material things, and true humility. Her counsels on these are the fruit of her practical experience. The book develops these ideas and takes up directly the matters of prayer and contemplation. Teresa gives various maxims for the practice of prayer and concludes the book with her masterful and impassioned version of the Lord's Prayer. "How is it that Thou canst give us so much with Thy first word?" she says of the "Our" at the beginning of that prayer.*

FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK: Cemetery and Crematorium: Open Day 2013: Saturday 26th October 2013 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please see flyer on notice board for more information.

TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL LITURGY CONFERENCE – Wollongong 15-18 January 2014

REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS TILL END OF SEPTEMBER: This national conference is being held locally at Wollongong so we can take full advantage. Renowned composer and liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international keynote speakers. We will hear from over thirty speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy and music. Full details of the conference and online registration process are now available at www.liftupyourhearts.com.au . GST free pricing for parishes and other members of the Catholic GST Group. **Register now and save with early bird registration available until end of September.**

COME, FOLLOW ME: God calls us out to be witnesses in our world. Some are called to consider priesthood, to serve God's people through ordained ministry. Why not contact your local priest or Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, priesthood@dow.org.au.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of Eugene and Pauline for two weeks, commencing **Monday 23rd September to Sunday 6th October.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 7.00pm.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

READERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Vigil Mass: 28th: Pam and Phil Kenyon
October 5th: Pam and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: 29th: Agnes Serfatu and Noel Laming
October 6th: Agnes Serfatu and Noel Laming

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

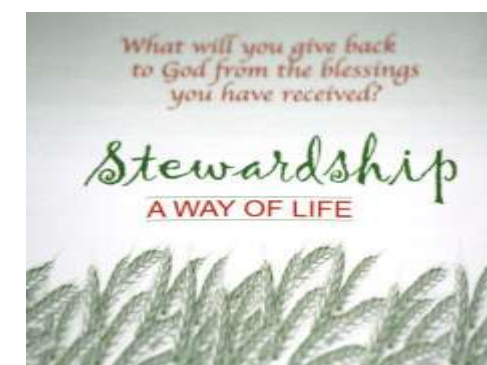
USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Carmel Munro
9am Mass: Karenne Harvey

FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Francesca

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 1: Syro-Malabar Indian Community

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



*'You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'
We cannot have two sets of priorities. World economic forces do not refer to human values, and are destroying the spirit of stewardship, justice and the value of human persons. Pope Francis experienced capitalism in South America as 'inhuman', making people unhappy. It exploits poor workers, women and children and environmental systems. Do I try to think about ethical shopping?*

