

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
13th October 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"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Mary Ford, Lilly Levine, Janice Ayers, Jack O'Sullivan, Ellen Healy, Kathryn Primmer, 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:

Carol Obereigner (3rd Anniv), Br Coman Sykes, Ruth Condan, Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVille, Violet Francisco, Emil Avila, Derek Lavocah, Irene Mahanay, Gloria Carlon, Lina Pereira, Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Ivy and Bill Foley, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Maclovia Herera, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, 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.

The Parishioners of our Parish would like to wish all our School Children the very best as they begin their final exams of their School Education: The Higher School Certificate.

*Loving God be with me now,
as I prepare for my exams.*

*Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have
given me and for the opportunity of education.*

*Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me
to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
the very best that I can.*

*Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exams
- and always.*

In Jesus' name Amen

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 time

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- **Tuesday 15th October** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 16th October** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 22th October** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 24th October** Retiree's Social group gathering after the 9.00am Mass (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome, come along for a chat, cuppa and a laugh) in the Parish Hall.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:

12th: Wilfred Miranda
14th: Ronald Fredericks
15th: Therese Berbari

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THIS WEEK:

16th: Alfred and Maria Hill (32 years)

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Returns today (during the 9.00am Sunday Mass) School aged children from Kindergarten to and including Year 6 are most welcome.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community **Sarah Victoria Kendall** who was Baptised last weekend.

PIETY STALL: The 2014 Columban Art Calendar is available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. When you buy the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting us in meeting the needs of the poor. Also have a look at the Religious goods for sale on the Piety Stall.

THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy.

CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 10th November (after the 9.00am Mass) Parish Multicultural Food Fair in the Parish Hall. This is a fundraiser for our Parish so please come along and support this. For more details either contact Freda on: 4628 4907 or the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

MATER DEI COUNTRY FAIR. Come along to the Mater Dei Country Fair on Sunday 13th October, from 9.00am – 3.00pm 229 Macquarie Grove Rd, Camden. It has a great community spirit and you will be contributing to the education of children with intellectual disabilities.

FRENCH MASS: Today (Sunday 13th) at 6.00pm at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown. The Mass will be offered for peace in Syria and the Middle East.

NEXT SUNDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASS WILL BE MISSION SUNDAY:

There will be an extra collection for the Missions at the both weekend Masses. The theme is **"I will build my Church"**. *By reaching out today, you can help build the Mongolian Catholic Church, the world's youngest Catholic Church, and the Kingdom of God in the most remote areas all across the world.*

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

Fridays, from October 11 – November 15, 9:45am – 2pm, in our Parish Hall. 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 weeks 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**

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ANTI-POVERTY WEEK TALKS:

Wednesday 16th October: 11.15-1.30pm Wollongong City Library (41 Burrelli St Wollongong) The talk will be given by Dr John Falzon, and Thursday 17th October: "Understanding the Heart of Poverty" 9.am-3.30pm at 67 Railway St, Corrimal.
Bookings are essential: please phone Veronica on: 4627 9299 See flyers for more information

HARTZER PARK PRAYER DAY THEME: LISTENING DEEPLY – SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2013:

To be held 9.30am-3.30pm at Hartzler Park, 25 Eridge Park Road, Bowral. Presenters: Sr Jenny Kirby FDNSC and Sr Margaret Fahey FDNSC Cost: \$20.00. RSVP: 12 October 2013 by contacting Sr Jenny or Cathy on 48613223

Pastoral Care & Community Visitors' Training

Mondays 21 October – 9 December, 9:30am-3:30pm, at St Michael's Parish, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drv Thirroul To Register Contact: Carmen Karauda Diocesan Aged Care Advocate 4640 8515 or 0448 930 287 or email: carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au or Nicolle Anderson-Brown Community Visitors Scheme Coordinator Ph: 4254 9342 or 0418 483 413 or email: nicollee@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au

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.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ORDINATION – FR VINCE WHITEMAN:

Parishioners are invited to Fr Vince's Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Thursday 31st October at 6.30pm at All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour. Fr Vince will be the Celebrant.

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.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of **Chris & Yvonne** for two weeks, commencing **Monday 7th to Sunday 20th October.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 6.00pm.** 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 OCTOBER:

Vigil Mass: Bill George and James Munro

9.00am Mass: Maria Feher and Cody Benes

Vigil Mass: (26th October & 2nd November): Bev and Julie McKenzie

9.00am Mass: (27th October & 3rd November): Brian and Claire O'Brien

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

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil Mass: Maureen Molland
9am Mass: Barry Daley

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Faaiu Faamau, Leesha Bell, Tina and Tino Maugututia

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Samoan Divine Mercy Group

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS: Sunday 20th October: Maureen Molland, Maryse Parisi, Catherine Minogue, Yvonne Reddy and Julie Writer

LISTENING WITH REVERENCE

All must **LISTEN WITH REVERENCE** to the readings of God's word, for they make up an element Of greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from the Sacred Scripture God's word addresses all people of every era and is understandable to them, nevertheless, a living commentary on the word, that is, the **HOMILY**, as part of the liturgical action, fosters a fuller understanding and effectiveness of the word.

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The homily is a means of bringing the scriptural message to life in a way that helps the faithful to realise that God's word is present and at work in their everyday lives. **Verbum Domini (2010) 59**

