

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
17th November 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"

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 Carmel (in the Parish Office) should you wish to include deceased relative and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

Please come and join us for Refreshments after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall today



PARISH MULTICULTURAL FOODFAIR: A great morning was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the many parishioners, friends and people from other Parishes who enjoyed the many cultures of food that was available for sale. Thank you also for the music provided by St Thomas More Catholic School choir.

Many thanks also to the organisers and cooks for giving of your time and talents to make this a successful Parish fundraiser.

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE

An ongoing review of our Finances at the end of October has revealed a Deficit of \$2,433 so far for this Financial Year. A full copy of the Financial Report for the past five years is on the Notice Board and copies are available from the Parish Office. Now that the Parishes Working Together report indicates a much more positive outlook for Ruse Parish it is now up to us to ensure our financial viability. Please do what you can by joining the Planned Giving Programme and/or making a reasonable contribution on the collection plates.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES:

- Tuesday 19th November: Parish Pastoral Council** meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- Thursday 21st November: 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.
- Saturday 23rd November:** Mary Mackillop Bus Trip (North Sydney) (see note below)
- Tuesday 26th November St Vincent de Paul Conference:** meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre *new members are most welcome*
- Tuesday 3rd December:** Catechist's Christmas Morning Tea
- Tuesday 3rd December:** at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Christmas Carols from 5.30pm (BBQ from 5.00pm) at the School

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 COUNTER'S: We are looking for at **least 3 more people** to join this Parish Ministry if you have an hour or two to spare after the Sunday 9.00am Mass. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

CLAIM THE DATE: Saturday 23rd November: A Parish bus trip has been arranged to visit Mary MacKillop at North Sydney. The bus driver is David Wright, his contact phone No is: 0419467617. The bus will leave St Thomas More Church grounds at 8.30am and return to St Thomas More Church grounds at 3.00pm. Fr Tony will be celebrating Mass at 10.30am in the Mt Street Chapel. The cost is \$43.00 per head this covers: the bus, morning tea, lunch, guided tour of the museum and grounds etc. The gift shop and afternoon tea is at your own expense. Could you please RSVP and pay by Wednesday 20th November.

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community: *Kye Lucio Harding* who was Baptised last weekend.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS:
16th: Cherbeau Webb and 17th: Natalie Vossen

JESSE TREE: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal: The Jesse Tree will be in the Church on the first weekend of Advent (30th/1st December). The Jesse Tree will have 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. As the gifts have to be distributed before school holidays the gifts need to be returned the following weekend (7th/8th December) if you would like to take a tag/s before hand the Jesse Tree is set up in the foyer of the Parish Office. There is no need to wrap the presents. We would like to thank you for your kindness and know that your gifts will make a difference to needy children.

PARISH FAMILY MASS: Will be on **Sunday 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent - Rose Sunday)**. Please keep this date free and come along and join in the Celebration of our Parish Family Mass. More details to come.

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

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: Copies are available for you to take home and keep up to date with what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response: Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the Philippines. Please give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal. Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to Diocesan Director P.O. Box 1015 Wollongong NSW 2500

ST VINCENT de PAUL BUSHFIRE APPEAL: Donations may be made via; People can also donate by calling 13 18 12. Or <http://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT 2013: Parishioners are invited to join the Divine Mercy Retreat from Friday 29th November to Sunday 1st December. The Retreat will be held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Find healing, forgiveness, hope and strength in Spiritual Direction and Confession through the Divine Mercy of our Lord Jesus. For bookings and more details please phone: 0468871810 or email: divinemercylife@hotmail.com.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND: Friday 29th November (from 6pm) to Sunday 1st December (6pm) for young women searching for a new direction in their lives. An invitation to young women from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflections, and conversation and find out more about us. Visit our website: www.goodsams.org.au

INVITATION TO COME AND SEE: The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are inviting young women to spend some time with them from Fri 29 Nov-Sun 1 Dec at Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills Rd., Pennant Hills. For information ph: Sister Bernadette Corboy 0429 074 849 or Catherine

ENGAGE. EXPERIENCE. UNDERSTAND MASS, MUSIC AND LITURGY BETTER Lift Up Your Hearts - Wollongong 15-18 January 2014 REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - ONLY DAYS LEFT! It 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 October.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is in the

home Colleen for two weeks, commencing **Monday 18th November** to **Monday 25th November**. The family will be Praying the Rosary on **Monday at 7.30pm**. 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.**

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, Jack O'Sullivan, 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

Parishes Working Together - Where are we now and where are we going? copies of the **Summary Report-Parishes Working Together** booklet are available at the back of the Church. This booklet provides a wealth of information to assist our parishes and our schools in our planning for the future. We all want strong vibrant communities to support us in times of joy and sorrow. Because Bishop Peter recognises we are all vital members of our Diocese, he wants us to be aware of what is being planned and how it may impact on us. Many people in our parishes and schools have already been consulted and their feedback had shaped this report. We are asked to read the Summary Report and it will be a valuable resource during the next year as we begin working together to plan for the future. The Summary report is also available by clicking on the following link: http://www.imags.com.au/flipbooks/pwt_summary/

We keep the **Parishes Working Together** process in our prayers, so that together we may do our best in serving Jesus's mission to serve the world in justice and love. The full report, which has much additional information, can be accessed on: www.imags.com.au/flipbooks/pwt_full/

READERS FOR NOVEMBER:

Vigil Mass:
23rd & 30th: **Bill George and Julie Writer**

9.00am Mass:
24th & 1st Dec: **Christine Foreman and Barry Daley**

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

USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:
Vigil Mass: **Help required**
9am Mass: **Chris Reddy and Helen Rawson**

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 3: **Brian O'Brien, Christine Foreman, Carmel and James Munro**

FLOWERS FOR NEXT WEEK: **Maree**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MASS:
Sunday 15th December (Rose Sunday - Family Mass)
Tongan Community, Parish Community and St Thomas More Catholic School Community

