

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B



14th June 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 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO: *Jonah Thomas-Makepeace and Blake Cameron Davenport* who will be making their *First Holy Communion* at this weekends *Saturday Vigil Mass*.

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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday 11th September 2015. Candidates have to be in Year 6 and above and have to have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. **The Information/Enrolment Evening is on Wednesday 29th July at 7.00pm in the Parish Church**

Parishioners Birthdays for this week:
18th June: Marcia Rae and Isaiah Nakasenh

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Maree and Noel Laming, Brian Harris, Adde Liban, Candice Walker, Chris Noyce, Ethan Craig, Amy Jablonskis, Karenne Harvey, Leo Cornwell, Doreen Monckton, Mary Smith, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tina Ting, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Tomas Laming and Mary Fredericks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Fr Richard Muraski (OFMConv), Peter Allen Daly, Donagh Keane, Paul Riddell, Mary Writer, Michael Burns, Nathan Bethally, Ell Garcia, Josephine McKay, Andy Grima, David Eccleston, Kellan Byrnes, Stuart Eldridge, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Peter Hampton, Colin Foley, Jim McKenzie, Maurya Hutton, and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual lights shine upon them.**

THOMAS MORE PLAYTIME: 9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays in our Parish Hall during school terms. Attention Parents/Guardians and Grandparents, everyone welcome. If you have children including under School age children 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**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Parish Pastoral Council: If you are interested in being a member of our Parish Pastoral Council please speak with Father Tony. *The Parish Pastoral Council share the responsibility for building a vibrant community that is embedded in the Eucharist and built on faith, hope and charity. The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Parish Priest meeting once a month. Members normally hold office for 2 years.*

URGENT MESSAGE FOR READERS:

The response for the next Readers' roster is very disappointing and I'm hoping you have just forgotten to add your name. Remember the more names on the list the less often you will be rostered to read. Remember too, that the Readings are an essential part of the Mass so your involvement in this ministry is very important. If you have been a reader in the past or have considered becoming one - have a look at the clipboard on your way out and hopefully you will be inspired to add your name. There will be a Readers' workshop held when the new roster goes out and if you haven't already been to one I look forward to meeting you there. **Many thanks Julie**

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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Parishioners and visitors please take home a copy of our Parish Catholic Primary School Newsletter and see what is happening.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference is currently running the usual Winter Appeal up until 14 June 2015, seeking donations of cash and/or food.

There are envelopes on the seats at Mass on each weekend during the Appeal, if you prefer to make a cash or credit card donation. To do this, simply put the completed envelope on the plate at either the 1st or 2nd collection.

Importantly, we are again collecting food and personal items for the Nagle Centre, who provide warm meals to the homeless, hungry and lonely people of our area. The Centre's needs include: Tinned tuna/ meat, Tinned spaghetti/ baked beans, Tinned soup/ meals, Tinned fruit, Milk powder/ condensed milk, Long life full cream milk, Custard powder Hot chocolate/ Milo, Tea/ coffee/ cordial, Plain and self-raising Flour, Pasta sauce, Tomato paste, Beef stock cubes and any herbs & spices. Nappies are also an expensive necessity and would be welcome as would new blankets, beanies, scarves, gloves and socks. **If able, please think of these items when grocery shopping. There will be baskets at the back of the church at each Mass until 14 June 2015.**

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

WEEKEND AWAY FOR YOUR MARRIAGE: Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset - your Marriage! **19-21 June, 11-13 September, 13-15 November.** Venue for Weekends: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. To apply contact: Ardell & Bill Sharpe Tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au, www.wvme.org.au or www.facebook.com/WVMEasternUnit

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE - Skilling you for Being Involved Information Sessions: Wednesday 24 June, 10am-11am & 7:30-8:30pm at St Thomas More Parish RUSE. Course Sessions: Option 1: Wednesdays 22 July - 16 Sept, 7:30-9:30pm and Option 2: Wednesdays 19 Aug - 16 Sept, 10am-2pm

Currently involved in your parish community? Would you like to develop further practical skills for enhancing your involvement? Are you new to ministry and want to learn more? Interested in developing skills for working with others in ministry? **Serving God's People** provides an overview of Christian ministry, equipping those involved or seeking to be involved in ministry with essential skills and knowledge for actively contributing to the life of the parish or Diocese. The Eastern Macarthur group of parishes will be running this course during third term (July-September) and you are invited to participate. Come along to the information session to find out more on how to become part of this exciting opportunity. For further information contact Darren McDowell, Parish Services, cfl@dow.org.au or 4222 2463. **Enrolment in the course is essential and must be completed by Friday 17 July**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.

PARISH ROSARY STATUE: The Parish Rosary Statue is currently in the home of *Mary. Mary will be praying the Rosary this Monday (15th June) at 3.00pm.* 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 16th June: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Parish Hall

Thursday 18th June: from **9.30am** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall (all Retiree's over 55 are most welcome)

Tuesday 23rd June: 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting in the Parish Centre, new members are more than Welcome

Wednesday 24th June: 7.30pm Parish Finance Council meeting in the Parish Centre

PARISH ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th June: Trish Newman and Bev McKenzie

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st June: Fay Faamau and Junior Faamau

Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th June: James Munro and Louise Phillips

9.00am Mass: Sunday 28th June: Annette Read and Catherine Minogue

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

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

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th June: Pam Kenyon and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st June: Brian O'Brien and Chris O'Brien

Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th June: Pam Kenyon and Phil Kenyon

9.00am Mass: Sunday 28th June: Brian O'Brien and Chris O'Brien

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 21st June: Group 1: Syro - Malabar Indian Community

Saturday 28th June: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 20th June: Help Needed

9.00am Mass: Sunday 21st June: Barry Daley

Vigil Mass: Saturday 27th June: Carmel Munro

9.00am Mass: Sunday 28th June: Brian and Gwen Harris

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER'S FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 20th June: Christine Foreman

Saturday 27th June: Christine Gomes

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am MORNING MASS (21st June):

Carmel Munro, Rita Jowsey, Helen Rawson, Christine Foreman and Annette Read