

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

16th November 2014

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 a ramp going into the Church and one going 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.

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.*



ODD JOBS SATURDAY

It was wonderful to see so many people turn up for the Working Bee last Saturday. We nearly completed all the tasks and it was a great morning for community spirit. The crew included *Hector Bernardino, Manuel and Rosa Herrera, Craig Ashworth, Faye Faamau, David, Kieran, Abigail and Catherine Minogue, Brian Harris and his grandson, (who had just finished a shift at McDonald's), Vicki Horne, Chris and Tanya Mawere, Bill George, James and Carmel Munro, Josh Beeby, Barry Daley, Maureen Molland, Bev McKenzie, Julie and Jim Writer* and special thanks to *Annette Read* for organizing *with* the ladies Morning Tea and the BBQ lunch. A *big thanks* also to *Jim Writer* who has donated a ride - on - mower to help with the large area mowing.

Father Tony

"St Vincent de Paul Society - Assist a Student Appeal"

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in last week's appeal. Your support is encouraging. Please note you can send your remittance details at any time. For those who may not have received one, a limited supply of brochures are still available at the back of the Church."

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community *Zahn Raymond Dickson* who was Baptised last weekend.

SICK LIST: Please pray for the *many* sick in our Parish Community including: Tina Ting, Freda and Wilfred Miranda, Tony Nolan, Fr David Catterall, Ann Webster, Beryl Purcell, Carmel Welsh, Ellen Healy, John Donnelly, Ken Churchill, Maree Laming, Marie Moore, Natalie Dwyer, Scott Chesney and Tomas Laming.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN OUR PARISH: Who is ill/or unable to come to Mass and would like to have Holy Communion please either let Fr Tony know or phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967.

Parish Birthdays for this week:
17th: *Trish Newman and Natalie Vossen*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS: The current roster is about to run out for this year. If you have thought about joining this friendly Parish Ministry, please put your name down on the clipboard on the table at the entrance of the Church (ramp side) (please also put your name down if you are continuing to be part of this Parish Ministry).

All you need is time, the ability to make a cup of tea/coffee and to be able to welcome parishioners. We currently have this Ministry once a month (not in December or January).

We thank the ladies (and gentlemen) who have helped in this Parish Ministry as you have put smiles on many Parishioners faces and helped to form new friendships.

PARISH LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

Tickets will be available at \$1.00 per ticket at all Masses on the 6th/7th and 13th/14th December. The Raffle will be drawn at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 21st December. Please support this Parish fundraiser. There are 4 terrific prizes to be won.

PARISH POWER POINT CREATIONS: *Help is needed to set up a Power Point Creation Team. If you have experience in creating Power Points (you are the person we are looking for). Training and support will be given. Please phone the Parish Office on 4628 2967 for more details. Please consider being a member of this Parish Ministry. These are created in keeping with the Mass/Liturgy themes and overall liturgical rubrics of the Church*

CLAIM THE DATE: Sunday 14th December: 3rd 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.

PIETY STALL: Now have on sale the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards \$6.00 per packet (10 cards per packet). We have plenty of stock available.

"CALLING ALL SELF EMPLOYED PARISHIONERS

Why not support Parish finances in a tax effective way? Depending on your personal circumstances and taxation advice, you could benefit your business and support the work of the Parish, by placing an advertisement in the Parish Bulletin.
The cost is only \$275.00 (includes \$25.00 GST) (per business card size or \$550.00 (includes \$50.00 GST) for double business card size) add per year to promote your business among friends. Simply call the Parish Office during business hours on 46282967 or place your contact details on the clipboard at the rear of the Church, and you will be contacted shortly."

JESSE TREE: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal: The Jesse Tree will be in the Church on the first weekend of Advent (29th/30th November) The Jesse Tree has 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 (preferably not wrapped). As the gifts have to be distributed before school holidays the gifts need to be returned by the weekend of 8th/9th December or return to the Parish Office.
The Jesse Tree is currently set up in the Parish Office Reception area, if you would like to come and collect a tag/s come during Office Hours.

THIS 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: Please take a copy home and find out what is happening in our Parish Primary School.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: The Christmas 2014 issue is available from all the tables at the entrance of the Church, please take a copy home to read. There are many interesting articles eg: A letter to Robin Williams, Behind the prayer and 12 Days of Christmas Challenge.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS: Tuesday 12:00pm 18 November 2014 Wollongong Cathedral followed by light luncheon at Xavier Centre. **RSVP ASAP for catering purposes:** Tom van Kints, Diocesan Director Phone: 02 4222 2480 or Email: wollongongdd@caritas.org.au

FR BRYAN JONES AND FR MAURIE ROSA GOLDEN

JUBILEE: We will be concelebrating Mass in All Saints Church Shellharbour City on **Thursday 27th November 2014 at 6pm** to mark the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. These two priests have worked in a number of parishes across the Diocese. Mass will be followed by light refreshment. All welcome.

RETIRED STAFF AND PARTNERS of Catholic Schools and the Wollongong Catholic Education Office: Eighth Annual Social Gathering, 12 noon Friday 13 February 2015 Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal Street. Retired Staff (and Partners) of Catholic Schools and the Catholic Education Office in Wollongong or other Catholic Dioceses are invited to attend an informal lunch/social at Wollongong Golf Club, Corrimal Street, Wollongong to renew acquaintances with former colleagues and their partners. For more information and/or confirmation of attendance please contact: John Tubridy: 4228 4474 jtubridy@optusnet.com.au; Kate Quinn: 4234 1254 or Mel Condon: 4232 2795

PARISH ROSARY STATUE:



The purpose of this Ministry is to increase prayer within our Parish. Parishioners involved in this Ministry are prepared to open their home for fellow parishioners to join them in saying the Rosary. If you would like to join this prayerful Ministry please phone Bev on: 4625 0659

EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS' OF COMMUNION FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 22nd Nov: *Trish Newman & Louise Phillips*
9.00am Mass: 23rd Nov: *Helen Rawson & Julie Writer*
Vigil Mass: 29thNov: *Bertha Barbari & Bev McKenzie*
9.00am Mass: 30th Nov: *Helen Rawson & Catherine Minogue*

READERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 22nd Nov: *Maria Feher & Cody Benes*
9.00am Mass: 23rd Nov: *Chris & Brian O'Brien*
Vigil Mass: 29th Nov: *Maria Feher & Cody Benes*
9.00am Mass: 30th Nov: *Chris and Brian O'Brien*
(Could the 2nd Reader please read also the Prayers of Intercession)

CHURCH CLEANERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

Saturday 22nd Nov:
Group 4: *Maureen Molland, Fay Faamau, Rosa & Manual Herrera and Colleen Jablonskis*
Saturday 29th Nov:
Group 6: *Tongan Youth Group*

USHERS' FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Vigil Mass: 22nd Nov: *Help needed*
9.00am Mass: 23rd Nov: *Karenne Harvey*
Vigil Mass: 29thNov: *Maureen Molland*
9.00am Mass: 30th Nov: *Gwen and Brian Harris*

FLOWER ARRANGERS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:

Saturday 23rd November: *Christine Gomes*
Saturday 30th November: *Francesca Chow*

Parish Diary Dates:

- **Tuesday 18th November:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday 20th November:** Retiree's Social group gathering *after the 9.00am Mass*, all Retiree's over 55 are encouraged to come along (*come along for a cuppa, laugh, chat and companionship*) in the Hall
- **Tuesday 25th November:** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Monday 1st December:** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday 3rd December:** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

*Great
Gifts
of
the
Word.*

