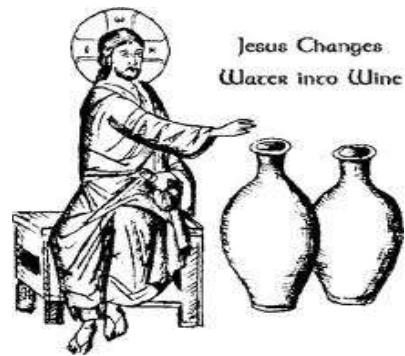


2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
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20th January 2013



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."

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED:

Our Parish is not a small community and sometimes we can become lost in the shuffle. Being involved in one of our Parish Ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the folks you see across the aisles at Mass. Please see Fr Tony or contact our parish office (4627 2968) for details about the many ways you can get involved. Why not make it your New Year's resolution?

NAME TAGS: We have been promoting the wearing of a name tag in our Parish to create a hospitable parish where people are getting to know each other and calling everyone by name. We encourage you to wear your name tag each time you go to mass and sit with a different person each weekend. *If you haven't got your name tag please put your name down in the book at the Name Tag table and we will prepare one for you.*

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 could benefit from a lift. Please encourage them to contact our parish office either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Elaine Hoffman, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Phillip Conroy (R.D.), Eileen Daly, John McInerney, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, John DeVille, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

Diary Dates:

- **Catechist's** meeting Tuesday 29th January at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (after the 9.00am Mass)
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 4th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** meeting Monday 4th February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** returns Wednesday 6th February after the 9.00am Mass
- **Parish Finance Council** meeting Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Parish Birthdays for this week:

19th: Mauga Andrews
 24th: Deborah Littlewood

Wedding Anniversaries for this week:

23rd: Peter and Seta Berbari (10 years)
 25th: Noel and Maree Laming (55 years)

LENTEN PROGRAM 2013: We will use the Diocesan Lenten called BELIEVE: Lenten Program 2013 – a 44 page program designed as a six-week Lenten resource for small groups, prayer companions, staff reflections, families and individuals. Fr Graham Schmitzer offers engaging weekly Scripture commentaries accompanied by enlightening spiritual direction from St Hilda Scott OSM (Jamberoo Abbey). Each week also contains challenging reflection questions as well as some practical Lenten tips by Fr Graman. A Double-CD resource (\$8.00) is also available to accompany the program that offers narrations of the Scriptures and commentaries as well as a beautiful sung closing prayer and mantra written by Paul Mason each week. The CD Resource will also be available for free download at www.lent.dow.org.au. *If you would like to host/join a group please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. The programs should commence the week beginning Monday 11th February.*

PARISHES PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER – YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

Our Diocese is growing and to plan for our future we are asking parishes to work together to make sure our planning and process of change will strengthen us in our roles as "bearers of Christ's love", in existing and new communities. The Process for planning for the future builds on our existing diocesan pastoral plan and will be launched by Bishop Peter Ingham on **Sunday 3rd February**. Every family in the diocese will on that day receive a Workbook and DVD. These will give you information about our role as baptised people in the Church as well as particular information about parishes and ministries in our Diocese. **Our parish will have information and discussion sessions at the following dates and times:**
1st Session: (either)
 Tuesday 5th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm
 Sunday 10th February 10.15am – 11.45am
And
2nd Session: (either)
 Tuesday 12th February 7.30pm – 9.00pm
 Sunday 17th February: 10.15am – 11.45am
 (You need to attend one session for both weeks). These meetings will be held in the Parish Hall, supper and morning tea will be provided.

Please add your name to the Registration Forms on the table at the back of the Church. It is very important you are informed about this process of change as every parish in our Diocese will be affected. We need your feedback as we prepare for the future!

HARTZER PARK Conference & Retreat Centre: Will be Having a 6 day guided retreat: 12th – 18th February Presented by Fr Chris Chaplin MSC and the theme is The Ocean of God's love – Gazing into the Mystery and The cost is \$540. For more details phone 4861 3223 Please see the main notice board at the entrance of the Church for further retreats 2013.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: KICK-OFF RALLY on Tuesday the 12th February @ St Peter's Church, Surry Hills. Mass 6pm with Bishop Julian Porteous followed by Procession to Preterm abortuary. Pancake Supper afterwards. Contact: Family Life International (Aust) 42844412, Sydney Office 02 95199111, Email: mail@fli.org.au Web: www.fli.org.au
"Help us give witness on the streets, to the wonder and uniqueness of every human life"

EDMUND RICE Retreat & Conference Centre.
Mulgoa: The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for men aged 18-35 from 15th - 17th February, and the cost is \$200 (includes accommodation and meals) Please register by 26th January. For more information and registration please email james.baxter@op.org.au. The Theme is "Wisdom".

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. A weekend for married couples from **Friday 15 to Sunday 17 March 2013** at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings Ardell & Bill Sharpe on 4283 3435 or email wsharpe@bigpond.net.au. For information visit www.wwme.org.au

Parish Rosary Statue: During the Christmas Season and School Holidays, The Rosary Statue will not be going to Parishioners homes until the beginning of February.

How To Pray The Rosary -

1. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say the "[Apostles' Creed.](#)"
2. Say the "[Our Father.](#)"
3. Say three "[Hail Marys.](#)"
4. Say the "[Glory be to the Father.](#)"
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "[Our Father.](#)"
6. Say ten "[Hail Marys.](#)" while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "[Glory be to the Father.](#)"
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "[Our Father.](#)" Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.

Saying this great prayer the family Rosary every day will always bring peace in the family – The family that prays together stays together.



READERS FOR JANUARY 2013:

Vigil Mass: David Minogue and Bev McKenzie
 9.00am Mass: Meli Mauga and Julie Writer
 (20th & 27th): Chris and Rosalie Vine

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

READERS FOR FEBRUARY 2013:

Vigil Mass: Steve and Anthony Robinson
 9.00am Mass: Bill Fabry and Pauline Menzies (3rd & 10th)
 Maryse Parisi and Vella Andrews (17th & 24th)

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help required
 9am Mass: Karenn Harvey

FLOWERS: Christine Gomes

CHURCH CLEANER'S FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 2: Cathy Bye, Barry Daley, Eugene Wasko, Kathy Donachie and Arthur Michelutti

Reflection Prayer

"Thank you, God, for loving me and sending your Son to die on the cross for my sins. I now choose to make Jesus the Lord of my life. Help me to be the kind of person that You want me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen."

