

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
28th October 2012
Mission Sunday
"Restore Hope Share Grace"

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope".

Jeremiah 29:11

Countless communities in distress and desperation in the Philippines and across the world urgently need you now. Join with Catholic Mission and faithful missionaries like Sister Maureen Cejas and Fr Socrates Mesiona this weekend to restore hope and share the grace of our loving God. By making a gift to the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today or by becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a monthly gift, you will help our brothers and sisters in desperate need. Freecall: 1800257296/catholicmission.org.au/hope

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."

YEAR OF GRACE, YEAR OF FAITH

While planned independently of each other (the Year of Grace is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops in response to local issues, while the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict is a call to the universal Church) both have as their goal a renewal of faith in Jesus Christ. The Year of Grace invites us into a spiritual journey of encountering Christ afresh in our lives through prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, celebrating liturgies, repenting of our failures and listening to the voice of the Spirit. The Year of Faith (commenced on 11 October) calls us into a deep renewal of our faith through retracing the history of our faith, studying the Catechism, praying the Creed and seeking to be an active witness of what we believe. These two impulses of the Holy Spirit complement each other and provide opportunities for us to discover and nurture the gifts of 'grace' and 'faith' at work in our lives.

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 relatives and/or friends in the Book of Remembrance.

NOVEMBER is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on *2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.* Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the *Pope's intentions (Norms 15,7)*

Thursday 1st November 2012 - All Saints

9.00am: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Parish Church
11.20am: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (Parishioners are welcome)
7.30pm: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Parish Church (Mass for All Saints not All Souls Vigil Mass)

Friday 2nd November 2012 – All Souls

9.30am: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Parish Church
6.00pm: Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Parish Church

Please keep in your prayers all the students who are continuing their Higher School Certificate Exams this week.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Elaine Hoffman, Colum Brennan, Barbara Milanta, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Marilyn Fabry, Kay Burton, Mary Pace, Alphonse Zammit, Ken Smith, Zanaba Liban, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Marcia Davis, Jack O'Sullivan, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Tina Boyd, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVillie, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Phillip Conroy, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

William Delprado (R.D.), Jeffry Ratanuman (Anniv), Robert Brown, Chris Wagstaff, Ruth Condan, Christina Craig, Frank Davis, Laurie Keevers, Gilberto Rodrigues, Nypha Vaz, John DeVillie, Lina Pereira, Bernard Hoffman, Derek Lovocah, Chris Conway, Joe White, Deborah Rix, Frank Zachulski, Maclovía Herrera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Patrica Barker, Mary Writer, Keith Gomes, Baptist D'Sa, Ladislav Feher, Maria Cabonara, Frank Mckay, Genie Lynch and Jim McKenzie.

Parish Birthday for this week:

27th: Mason Pilley

Diary Dates:

- **Catechists (Scripture Teacher's)** meeting Tuesday 30th October at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (all Catechists to attend)
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 30th October at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul
- **Parish Pastoral Councils' Regional Gathering** for the Parish Pastoral Council at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Hall, Varroville Tuesday 30th October 8.00pm – 9.30pm
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 5th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Parish Ladies Group** Monday 5th November meeting at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 8th November (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh
- **Catechist's Annual Mass** Saturday 10th November at 10.30am at St John Vianney's Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR FUND RAISER:

Our International Food Fair Day was resounding success. A virtual smorgasbord of delicious food from Australia, India, Samoa, Tonga, China and Ethiopia gave our loyal supporters from inside, as well as many from outside the Parish, a chance to experience a high standard of multicultural cuisine. We will be able to donate to the church the impressive sum of approximately \$2000. While thanks must go to all those who cooked, donated and worked on the day, a special thank you goes to Freda Miranda, whose wonderful suggestion and coordinating skills made this a highly successful fundraising and socially interactive day. We look forward to repeating this occasion next year.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED:

This Parish Ministry is held during the 9.00am Mass during School Terms. Currently we have 3 ladies who are members of this Ministry. We need a few more members so we are able to continue this Ministry at all 9.00am Masses (during the School Terms). For more information please phone Christine on: 4626 7475. Thank you to those who will give of their time for the Children's Liturgy, all the information is provided.

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY GROUP:

Invite Parishioners to join them in their Devotional Prayers in the Church from 1.00pm to 3.30pm every Sunday afternoon. For more information phone Maria 9603 5106 or 0404 929498. If you would like to help with donations of chips and/or poppers for their visit to Reiby Detention centre for the 3rd Sunday of the month it would be greatly appreciated.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Newsletter is available on all the tables at the entrance of the Church. Please take one and find out what is happening in our Parish Catholic Primary School.

PARISH PIETY STALL: We now have available for sale St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$7.00 per packet of 10 cards. Get in early while we have plenty of stock. Come and see Bertha and John for any assistance.

DO YOU 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 (4628 2967) either to arrange communion to be brought to them or to organize transport to Mass.

PARISHIONERS – A TIME TO GET INVOLVED:

Being involved in one of our parish ministries or groups provides the chance to get to know some of the people you see across the aisles at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office on 4628 2967 or see Fr Tony, for details about the many ways you can get involved.

NAGLE CENTRE, CAMPBELLTOWN URGENT REQUEST: The Nagle Centre in Iolanthe St, is in urgent need of volunteers to work in the Kitchen – day kitchen coordinators are needed also. The kitchen is open for breakfast and lunch Monday to Friday 8.30am – 2pm. Training and orientation is provided. For more information please phone the Manager at the Nagle Centre Jan St John on 4628 2928. The Nagle Centre is a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Nagle Centre kitchen provides a place for people to eat and chat, a safe haven from the street, shelter from outdoors.

VATICAN II CONFERENCE – AN EVENT OF GRACE

To mark 50 years since the second Vatican Council, our Diocese is gathering for a screening of the recent national e-conference featuring keynote speakers Bishop Michael Putney and Sr Maryanne Confoy RSC. Topics will include "Vatican II: A new relationship with God" and "The Baptismal call to holiness – a call to personal and communal ministry." There will be opportunity for local sharing and discussion. Please note in your diary **Saturday 17 November from 10.00am to 3.00pm, Chevalier College, Bowral.** BYO Lunch, Morning Tea provided. Cost: Gold coin donation. **Please RSVP to Jane Edwards on 4253 0899 or jane.edwards@woll.catholic.org.au**

MENALIVE DIOCESAN WEEKEND FOR MEN IS SOON! – REGISTER NOW.

At times living out your faith can be pretty tough and most of us need help. It is a full day Saturday (go home Saturday Night) and again Sunday, finishing at lunch time. Come along and be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose for your life. If you are a man over 15 up to 85+ consider this: on **Saturday, 17 to Sunday 18 November.** Experienced leaders from Brisbane will be running a menALIVE weekend for the Wollongong Diocese. Hosted by the West Wollongong Parish it will be held in the Parish school hall, 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong. For further details and registration forms contact Jeff 0422 000 623 or Vince 0413 126 095.

The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Ginny and Tony** from **Monday 22nd October until Sunday 4th November.** (Please note that the family will be having the **Rosary Statue for 2 weeks**). The family will say the Rosary on **Monday at 4.00pm.** Please see main notice board for the address details. **Please collect the Rosary Statue from the church kitchen on your weekend and return it the following fortnight. Thank you.**

READERS FOR MASS FOR NOVEMBER 2012: (there is now a revised Reader's Roster due to the change in Sunday Mass times):

Vigil Mass: Bev McKenzie and Bill George

9.00am Mass: (4th & 11th) Barry Daley and Michael Bye (18th & 25th) Maureen Molland and Christine Foreman

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

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Help needed
9.00am Mass: Barry Daley

FLOWERS: Maree

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 18th

November: Carmel Munro, Helen Rawson, Christine Foreman and Rita Jowsey.