

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
18th November 2012

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

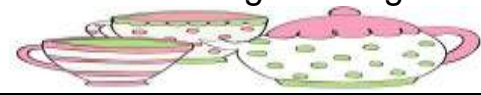
"St Thomas More Parish, Ruse, is a Christ-centred Catholic Community that is committed to living Gospel Values, united by faith as we bring God's Kingdom to life. Our Mission is to welcome all, and respect and support each other in our spiritual journey. We encourage the gifts of people in building our 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.

Please come and join your parishioners in the Parish Hall after the 9.00am Mass for a refreshing morning tea.



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Maurya Hutton, 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 DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Phillip Conroy, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, Amy Jablonskis, Sioeli Tupola, John McCann, Ken Churchill and Giovanna Cancellieri.

Please also keep in your prayers all the students/adults who are currently doing exams.

Parish Birthday for this week:

17th: Trish Newman, Alicia Martin & Natalie Vossen

WE WELCOME: Into our Christian Community William Robert Hunter who was Baptised last weekend.

Diary Dates:

- **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Retiree's Social Group** gathering after the 9.00am Mass, Thursday 22nd November (**parishioners and friends over 55 are more than welcome**) come along for a chat, a cuppa and a good laugh
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** meeting Tuesday 27th November at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre, **new members are most welcome**, come along and see the good works of St Vincent de Paul
- **Baptism Preparation Class** Monday 3rd December at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

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: Have for sale St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards \$7.00 per packet of 10 cards.

The Little Blue Book: \$4.50 each for Advent and Christmas Seasons 2012-2013. The book contains 6 minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year C.

EARLY NOTICE - CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL
ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Once again we are appealing for your generosity during our Christmas Toy Appeal which will begin in December during Advent when the Jesse Tree goes up in the church. With this early notice we hope to receive any toys early in Advent (1st December onwards) so we can sort and deliver them before the children break up from school. We also ask that you **don't** wrap the presents to make the sorting easier.

We are appealing for toys for babies through to 12 year olds. There are many needy families in our area who are all very appreciative of these gifts.

Thank you for your generosity to the poor in our area.

CLAIM THE DATE - Stamp Club Auction - Campbelltown Stamp Club Auction Night

Please support the Stamp Club members whose annual auction of stamps, collectibles, bric-a-brac etc. will this year see 100% of all sales go to support the work of your local St Vincent de Paul Society Conference. **When:** Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 7.30pm for 8pm start. **Where:** St Thomas More Parish Hall, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse.

How you can help:

1. Donate - Items such as stamps, books, collectibles, novelties and all sorts of bric-a-brac may be donated. Simply bring them to the hall after 6.45pm on the night of the auction. So start searching those cupboards!
2. Attend - This is a chance to meet new people, have some fun and perhaps to find a bargain amongst the goods being auctioned. The Stamp Club members will provide nibbles along with coffee and tea. To help make the night a success, why not bring a friend? Remember 100% of sale proceeds go to the St Vincent de Paul Society in our Parish, so why not support what should be an interesting and fun evening.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL 2012:

Catholic Mission thanks all parishioners for their prayerful and financial support of the recent World Mission Sunday appeal. A total of **\$876.40** was raised for World Mission Sunday Appeal 2012 from our Parish. The appeal remains open. Donations can be made either online at www.catholicmission.org.au or by telephone with credit card details to 1800 257 296.

Catholic Mission Pocket Diaries 2013 are available (free) from the front counter of Campbelltown Catholic Club.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS:

"Come to Calvary, and Pray with us"

When: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8am-10:30 am
Where: Preterm Abortuary, 1 Randle St. Surry Hills (near Central Station)

Contact: Family Life International (Aust) (02) 9519 9111. Email: mail@fli.org.au www.fli.org.au

RCIA TEAM & COORDINATOR GATHERING:

Wednesday, 28 November, 7.30pm - 9pm, in our Parish Hall. All those involved in initiation ministry are invited to attend this round of gatherings focusing on resourcing and implementing the vision developed through the review process that occurred over the past nine months. Please **RSVP Helen Bennett on 4253 0934** or helen.bennett@dow.org.au by **Monday, 19 November**

DIOCESAN INCLUSION MASS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITY:

There will be an Inclusion Mass on Sunday 2nd December at 9.30am at St Paul's Parish, Tongarra Road, Albion Park. All people with special needs and their families and friends are welcome.

Day Retreat: 08 December Saturday

"Advent and Christmas" Praying with Mary and Joseph. Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD.

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Tea/ Coffee provided, Bring your own lunch) Retreat Contribution: \$ 20

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566.

For Booking, Please call the secretary at

(02) 8795-3400 or email us at: retreats@carmelite.com

/ visit our website: www.carmelite.com



The Parish Rosary Statue will be in the home of Bev until Sunday 25th November. (Please note that the family will be having the Rosary Statue for 2 weeks). The family will say the Rosary on Monday at 7.00pm. 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: Maureen Molland and Christine Foreman

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

READERS FOR MASS FOR DECEMBER 2012:

Vigil Mass: Louise Phillips and James Munro

9.00am Mass: (2nd & 9th): Chris and Claire O'Brien

(16th & 23rd): Noel Laming & Sinisita Filitoga

USHER'S for next weekend:

Vigil Mass: Vicki Horne

9.00am Mass: Gwen & Brian Harris

FLOWERS: Julie Writer

CHURCH CLEANER'S: Group 4: Maureen Molland, Leesha Bell, Fa'aiu Faamau, Tino & Lina Maugututia

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00am Mass: Sunday 16th December (3rd Sunday of Advent - Rose Sunday): Parish Family Mass: assistance and donations would be greatly appreciated.

