

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**  
**29th September 2013**

*Social Justice Sunday*



**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"*

*This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: "Lazarus at our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty". The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20 per cent of the world's poor live in countries near Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for the many sick in our parish community: Jack O'Sullivan, Ellen Healy, Kathryn Primmer, Melanie Blessing, The Liban family, Candice Walker, Tina Boyd, Colum Brennan, Len Donoghue, Kelly Berthaly, Mary Fredericks, Jean Nicholson, Mary Pace, Ken Smith, Lorraine Evans, Sitani Nasio, Kevin Hardinge, Gino Stephen, Iris Stephen, Beryl Purcell, Gloria Eggert, Barbara DeVille, Jill Lovell, Salesi Kaufusi, Rita Bingham, Sam Sheather, John McCann and Ken Churchill.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

Br Coman Sykes (R.D.), Evelyn Camilleri (R.D.), Ruth Condan, Jean Barrett, Frances McCafferty, Edward Atkins, Bernard Hoffmann, John DeVille, Violet Francisco, Eileen Daly, Emil Avila, Derek Lavocah, Irene Mahanay, Gloria Carlton, Lina Pereira, Antonio Alefosio, Emanuele Alefosio, Paul Alefosio, Valelia Fao fua, Irene Mahanay, John Fusco, Beryl Jones, George Dass, Richard Burne, Joan Riddell, Ivy and Bill Foley, Kevin Shelley, Laurel Malloy, Reg Absolem, Maclovia Herera, Agustin Gonzalez, Alice Harris, Mary Writer, Nypha Vaz, Joseph Rodrigues, Limita Rodrigues, Carlos Carvalho, Cecil Moylan, Emily Wauchop, Michael Seufatu, Caroline D'Mello, Ladislav Feher, Stephen Vaz, Sioeli Salas, Robin Platt, Maurya Hutton, Jim McKenzie, Ronald Dawson, Anthony Jabbour, Dominic Pereira, Peter Pereira, Deborah Rix, Pat Purcell, Genie Lynch, Frank McKay, Frank Keevers, Laurie Keevers, Keith Gomes and Maria Cabonara and for anyone else who's Anniversary occurs at this time.

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community **Faith Agnes Seufatu-Poutoa** who was Baptised last weekend.

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARISHIONERS**

If anyone knows of any parishioner who would like a visit from Father Tony, or is ill and/or unable to come to Mass, housebound or in hospital.

**Could a family member or friend please contact Fr Tony on 4628 2967 to arrange a suitable visiting time.**

**PARISH DIARY DATES:**

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** Parish Ladies Group meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Baptism Preparation Class at 7.00am in the Parish Centre
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** Retiree's Social Group gathering in the Parish Hall a 9.30am (Retiree's over 55 are more than welcome to come along, for a cuppa, chat and lots of laughs)
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Parish Finance Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**28<sup>th</sup>:** Ivanna Goodall  
**1<sup>st</sup>:** Manuel Herrera  
**4<sup>th</sup>:** John Barbari

**OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING:** If you wish to join our Parish Planned Giving program, forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church. (Direct Debit and the envelope system are available).

**As you are aware envelope monies pay for the running of the parish but the parish is more than bricks and mortar. We are constantly invited by the Lord to move from maintenance to mission.**

**CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** The Parish Ladies Group are hosting a wine and cheese night in our Parish Hall. All Parishioners and their friends over the age of 18 are invited. A great night will be enjoyed by all. For catering please put your name down on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church. A great night is promised. See you there

**PIETY STALL:** The 2014 Columban Art Calendar is now available at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. When you buy the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting us in meeting the needs of the poor. Also have a look at the Religious goods for sale on the Piety Stall.

**THIS WEEKS CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Great value for only \$2.00 please don't forget to **buy** your copy, they are available on the table near the main entrance of the Church.

**COME, FOLLOW ME:** God calls us out to be witnesses in our world. Some are called to consider priesthood, to serve God's people through ordained ministry. Why not contact your local priest or Fr Richard Healey, Vocations Director, on 0401 621 591, [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au).

**EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:**

**Fridays, October 11 – November 15, 9:45am – 2pm, St Thomas More Church, Acacia Ave, Ruse**

Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. In the Gospel of Luke we meet Jesus, the compassion of God. This gospel contains the great stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the Walk to Emmaus. Through reflection on this Gospel we come to a deeper understanding of Pope Francis' call to be a church of and for the poor. Over six week we will explore and reflect upon the great treasures this Gospel holds for our lives today. **Registrations are essential to: Darren McDowell, [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463**

**Dr Richard Hardy: Will be speaking on Saturday 12 October :**

**At Mount Carmel Retreat Cente, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. From 9.30am – 4.00pm \$30.00 per head. Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee will be provided. The topic will be "St Teresa of Avila and the Our Father". Bookings are essential! Please phone 87953400 or email: [retreats@carelite.com](mailto:retreats@carelite.com) or [www.carmelite.com](http://www.carmelite.com)**

Richard Hardy studied in the United States, Canada and obtained his Doctorate from the University of Strasbourg in France. He was a Professor of Spirituality at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada for many years. He is the author of several books and articles on Spirituality, including *John of the Cross: Man & Mystic*. He gives workshops, retreats and conferences on Carmelite spirituality with a particular focus on St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Avila. *Of all of Teresa of Avila's works, The Way of Perfection is the most easily understood. Written at the height of the controversy surrounding the reforms Teresa instituted in the Carmelite order, it instructed the nuns in the practice of prayer. Teresa discusses the three essentials of a prayer-filled life – fraternal love, detachment from material things, and true humility. Her counsels on these are the fruit of her practical experience. The book develops these ideas and takes up directly the matters of prayer and contemplation. Teresa gives various maxims for the practice of prayer and concludes the book with her masterful and impassioned version of the Lord's Prayer. "How is it that Thou canst give us so much with Thy first word?" she says of the "Our" at the beginning of that prayer.*

**HARTZER PARK PRAYER DAY THEME: LISTENING DEEPLY –**

**SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2013:** To be held 9.30am-3.30pm at Hartzer Park, 25 Eridge Park Road, Bowral  
Presenters: Sr Jenny Kirby FDNCS and Sr Margaret Fahey FDNCS  
Cost: \$20.00. RSVP: 12 October 2013 by contacting Sr Jenny or Cathy on 48613223

**Pastoral Care & Community Visitors' Training**

Mondays 21 October – 9 December, 9:30am-3:30pm, at St Michael's Parish, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drv Thirroul  
To Register Contact: Carmen Karauda Diocesan Aged Care Advocate 4640 8515 or 0448 930 287 or email: [carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:carmenk@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au) or Nicolle Anderson-Brown Community Visitors Scheme Coordinator Ph: 4254 9342 or 0418 483 413 or email: [nicollea@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au](mailto:nicollea@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au)

**FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK: Cemetery and Crematorium: Open Day 2013: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.** Please see flyer on notice board for more information.

**TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL LITURGY CONFERENCE – Wollongong 15-18 January 2014**

**REGISTER NOW! 15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS TILL END OF SEPTEMBER:** This national conference is being held locally at Wollongong so we can take full advantage. Renowned composer and liturgist Fr Jan Michael Joncas leads a panel of four international Keynote speakers. We will hear from over thirty speakers, all leaders in their respective fields in liturgy and music. Full details of the conference and online registration process are now available at [www.liftupyourhearts.com.au](http://www.liftupyourhearts.com.au). GST free pricing for parishes and other members of the Catholic GST Group. **Register now and save with early bird registration available until end of September.**

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Parish Rosary Statue is in the home of *Eugene and Pauline* for two weeks, commencing **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October.** The family will be saying the Rosary on **Monday at 7.00pm.** The address is on the Main notice board at the side of the Church. **Please collect the statue from the Church on the weekend and return it the following fortnight.**

**READERS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

**Vigil Mass:** October 5<sup>th</sup>: Pam and Phil Kenyon  
12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>: Bill George and James Munro

**9.00am Mass:** October 6<sup>th</sup>: Agnes Serfatu and Noel Laming  
13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: Maria Feher and Cody Benes

(Could the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader please also read the Prayers of the Faithful)

**USHER'S FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**Vigil Mass:** Carmel Munro  
**9am Mass:** Karen Mahanay

**FLOWER'S FOR NEXT WEEK:** Carmel

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

**Daylight Saving Begins next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> October)**



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*Lord, we take these first few minutes of our gathering to say, "Thank You" For the dignity and the grace of our ministry. May we never be so busy as to forget to than You For the great privilege that is ours in serving. May our thanksgiving be expressed in the way We live out all that we do in our time of giving. Bless us Lord, in Your Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen*

