

6<sup>th</sup> September 2014



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

**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*

**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



**We would like to welcome Parishioners, those who are visiting families within our Parish and those who are visiting our Parish for the first time this weekend.**

**A Prayer for Fathers**

*God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.*

**Amen**

**DISABILITY AWARENESS MASS:** Will be celebrated tonight (Saturday –(Sunday) Vigil Mass). The aim of the Mass is to help us to recognise the dignity of each person made in the image and likeness of God and to affirm the importance of welcoming everyone regardless of ability or disability, to all aspects of parish life and celebration. *Everyone is invited to come share supper in the Parish Hall after this Mass.*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Stewardship is not optional! “None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master,” says St. Paul. “While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants.”**

**DIOCESAN CLERGY SUPPORT FUND – FATHERS**

**DAY COLLECTION:** Father’s day is traditionally a day when we pray in thanksgiving for our fathers. Again this year Bishop Ingham wishes to use this day as an appropriate one on which to acknowledge those who through the priesthood are called “Father”. **Today there will be a special collection to support the clergy of our Diocese.** The collection is a practical way in which we can acknowledge the tireless efforts of our priests on our behalf, support our sick and retired clergy, and assist the work of promoting priestly vocations. Special envelopes are provided for this collection and a credit card facility is available for your convenience. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please note that contributions are **not** tax-deductible.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist):**

Please keep the Candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers.

**The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be: Celebrated next weekend of (13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> September), at both the Parish Masses and the First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am.**

*Jesus Christ is truly present in our midst. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation) is the most profound way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ.*

**WE WELCOME:** Into our Christian Community: **Chelsea Ann Phoeurn** who was Baptised last weekend.

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

7<sup>th</sup>: **Maureen Molland**

11<sup>th</sup>: **Denise Goodall and Samuel McMurray**

12<sup>th</sup>: **Nive Andrews**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY for this week:**

11<sup>th</sup>: **Bertha and John Berbari (36 years)**

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

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:** Please pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Derek Lavocah, Bernard Hoffmann, Emil Avila, Alex Serdoz, Rita Simbulan, Tina Boyd, Joy Jones, Henry Supierz, Thelma Harpley, Marie Lamiel, Sandra Aslan, Maria Kelly, Vera Spithill, Deborah Rix, Frank Keevers, Mary Writer, Alice Harris, Jack O’Sullivan, Stan Nasio, Michael Seufatu, Ladislav Feher, Philip Mills, Josephine McKay, Frank McKay, Genie Lynch and Maria Cabonara. **May eternal rest grant to them O Lord and May perpetual light shine upon them.**

**PARISH LADIES GROUP FATHERS DAY RAFFLE:**

Thank you to the many Parishioners and visitors to our Parish who have supported this Parish Fathers Day Raffle. The winners will be published in next weekends Bulletin. Good luck to you all.

**CLAIM THE DATE: SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM**

**7.30PM:** Please mark this date in your diaries, more details to come. A good night is promised.

**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.

**PARISH THANK YOU TO:**

**The Members of the Sacristan Group: Freda Miranda, Yvonne Reddy, Phil Chesney, Trish Newman, Christine Goodall, Pauline Menzies and May Michelutti.**

**The gift of your time and talents are greatly appreciated in preparing our Church for Mass and other celebrations.**

The Sacristan Team are responsible to ensure all linen, brass, vessels and candles are in excellent condition and to reset the Altar for Mass and for any special liturgies. The Sacristan Group usually met after the 8.00am Mass each Saturday. The linen Helpers are responsible for keeping the sacred linens and cloths of the altar clean and presentable for the celebration of the Mass. This Ministry is done at the individual’s home yet involves many aspects of the Church’s liturgies.

**If you would like to join or find out more about this Parish Ministry please phone Freda: 4628 4907.**

**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.

**PIETY STALL:** The piety Stall has taken delivery of new stock. Please go and have a look, there could be that last minute gift for Father’s Day. Come and support your Parish Piety Stall.

**ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please take home a copy of our Parish Primary School newsletter and see what is happening.

**MINISTRY & MISSION IN MATTHEW’S GOSPEL: This coming Friday (12<sup>th</sup> September) in our Parish Hall.**

What can we learn about Mission & Ministry from Matthew’s Gospel? Over the Sundays of this year we are listening to Matthew’s Gospel. Like each of the Gospels, Matthew presents Jesus in his own unique way. In these sessions we will explore how Matthew illustrates our mission as disciples and ministers within and beyond our community. **Registration is essential to Darren McDowell 4222 2463 [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au)**

**EMBRACING ABILITY – A Workshop Making a Difference:**

A 2 hour awareness/hospitality workshop will be held on Wednesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in our Parish Hall. If you would like to take participate in the workshop please ring St Ruth – Disability Advocate on 0417 279 529.

**FAMILY & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2014:**

**Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October 9:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre & Parish** This conference is for teachers, catechists and all those who minister with children and families. Through a range of workshops and keynote address from Dr Aoife McGrath, it will explore the many and varied ways in which we can enliven our ministry and more effectively share the Good News. **Registration is essential**, please go to [www.familyconference.dow.org.au](http://www.familyconference.dow.org.au) or pick up one of the brochures at the back of the church. For further information contact Darren McDowell 4222 2463 or [cfl@dow.org.au](mailto:cfl@dow.org.au).

**PARISH ROSARY STATUE:** The Rosary Statue will be in the home of **Cora** for 2 weeks commencing **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.** The Family will be praying the Rosary at **6.00pm** on the Monday evenings. 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.**

**EXTRADORDINARY MINISTERS’ OF COMMUNION FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: Bertha Berbai**

**9.00am Mass: 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Helen Rawson**

**Vigil Mass: 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Beverley McKenzie**

**9.00am Mass: 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Fay and Junior Faamau**

**READERS’ FOR NEXT 2 WEEKENDS:**

**Vigil Mass: 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: Chris and Brian O’Brien**

**9.00am Mass: 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Rosalie and Chris Vine**

**Vigil Mass: 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Chris and Brian O’Brien**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK: Group 5: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**FLOWER ARRANGER’S FOR NEXT WEEK: Ruse Samoan Divine Mercy Group**

**USHERS’ FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Vigil Mass: Maureen**

**9.00am Mass: Barry Daley and Karenne Harvey**

**Parish Diary Dates:**

- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** St Vincent de Paul Conference meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre **new members are most welcome**
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September:** 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 Parish Hall.
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Hall.
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** Disability Awareness Work shop **7.00pm – 9.00pm** in the Parish Hall (please see bulletin notices for details)

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.00AM MASS: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Cathy Bye, Kathy Donachie, Gwen Harris, Maria Hill and Colleen Jablonskis.

